

Evangelism Conference First Baptist Church Gulfport

February 6, 7, 8

Monday Evening

6:45 Musical Medical Meditation
7:00 Congregational Singing
Greetings and Prayer—James Keith (FBC, Gulfport)
Special Music
7:15 A Call To Boldness—Maurice Flowers (Jones Dir. of Missions)
7:30 Book Store Ministry
7:35 Announcements & Program Theme
7:50 Bible Study—Paul Rees
8:35 Congregational Singing
Choral Music
8:55 Message—Ken Chafin
9:25 Benediction—Billy Williams (New Hope B. C., Columbia)

Tuesday Morning

9:00 Musical Meditation
9:10 Music
Prayer—Ralph Graves (Highland B. C., Laurel)
9:20 A Call To Boldness—Tommy Tutor (FBC, Holly Springs)
9:35 Book Store Ministry
9:40 Music
9:45 Bible Study—Paul Rees
10:30 Congregational Singing
10:35 Message—Frank Crumpler
11:05 Congregational Singing
Special Music
11:15 Message—Chafin

11:45 Benediction—John McDonald (Robinson Street B. C., Jackson)

Tuesday Afternoon

1:30 Musical Meditation
1:40 Music
Prayer—Dan Thompson (FBC, Ackerman)
1:50 A Call To Boldness—Tom Hall (FBC, Purvis)
2:05 Special Music
2:10 Bible Study—Paul Rees
2:55 Congregational Singing
3:00 Message—Richard Porter
3:30 Congregational Singing
Special Music
3:40 Message—Kenneth Chafin
4:10 Benediction—Marvin Bibb (Mathiston B. C., Mathiston)

Tuesday Evening

6:45 Musical Meditation
7:00 Congregational Singing
Prayer—Rex Yancy (Saltito B. C., Saltito)
Choral
7:15 A Call To Boldness—Clyde Little (Forest B. C., Forest)
7:30 Book Store Ministry
7:35 Bible Study—Paul Rees
8:20 Congregational Singing
Choral

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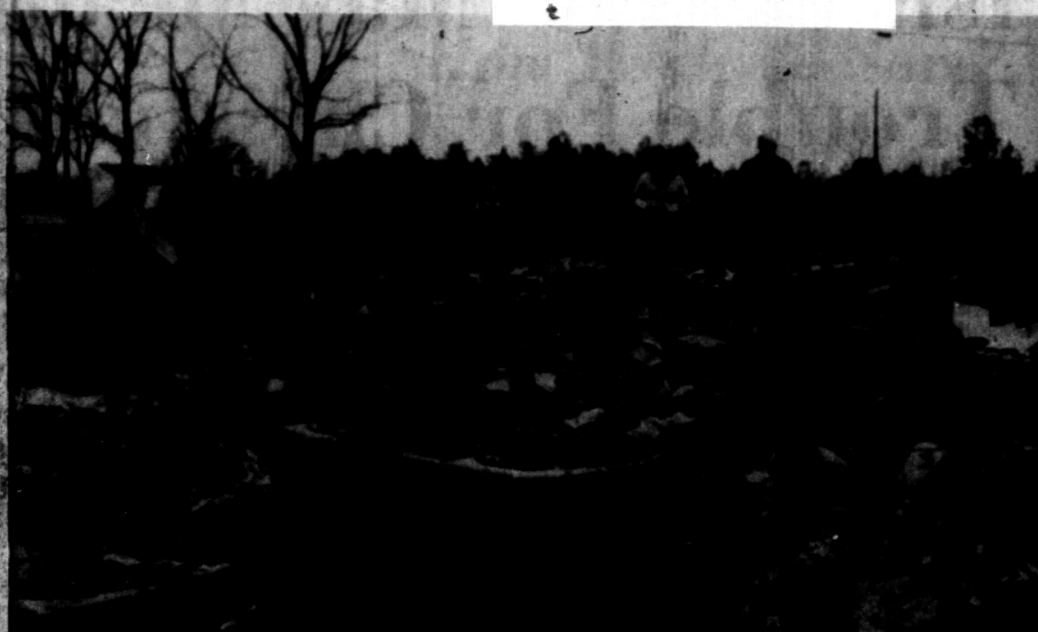
Pastor Willie Crawley, and Deacon James Sanders, in picture, stand among the ashes of the building that the members of Bethel Baptist Church in Amite County met in.

The church building burned to the ground early Jan. 11. The fire, of undetermined origin, totally destroyed the two story educational building and auditorium.

Members have already decided to "rebuild everything," said Crawley.

Crawley said the church had \$25,000 worth of insurance on the structure which is valued at \$80,000. "Maybe somebody will learn from our mistakes," said Crawley, encouraging other churches to look into the adequacy of insurance coverage.

Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, said that two out of three church which burn, "are either underinsured, or have no insurance."



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FMB Okays First Overseas Mission Corps Volunteers

RICHMOND (BP) — The first three Mission Service Corps volunteers to serve overseas have been approved by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill, now doing music promotion on a contract basis in North Carolina churches, will work in Bangkok, Thailand, in music promotion. Jean Poe, a widow from Salisbury, N. C., will go to Honduras as a secretary-bookkeeper for the mission organization in Tegucigalpa. Both the Hills and Mrs. Poe expect to leave late in February for a year's service overseas.

Action approving the volunteers came at the January meeting in which the board also emphasized a continuing need for career missionaries — particularly general evangelists — and set up a standing subcommittee of its overseas council to deal specifically with volunteer lay involvement overseas.

The board's department of missionary personnel, making its annual report, noted that the record 279 new missionaries approved in 1977 brought the total Southern Baptist missionary force to 2,776 at year's end. This resulted in a net gain of 61 over the 2,715 at the start of the year after subtraction of losses caused by completion of assignments, resignations, retirements, and the death of one missionary, G. Harold Clark of Malaysia.

Melvin Torstrick, associate secretary for missionary personnel, said that only 34 were appointed for general evangelism. He said this is "not so good," considering that 258 of the 1,330 requests for new personnel in 1977 were for this type of missionary and board members were urged to pray particularly for this need for more general evangelists.

In 1978 the personnel department is seeking applicants to fill 1,406 requests for personnel needed on the 90 Southern Baptist mission fields, with 282 of these being for general evangelists. Such evangelists, often referred to as field evangelists, are "preacher" missionaries who work with pastors overseas, train church leaders, start mission points and churches, and help established churches grow.

The board also moved ahead with plans to involve more lay volunteers. It accepted a report by a board study group establishing the basic boundaries for utilizing more such volunteers, looking to a total of 10,000 by the year 2000.

The five-member committee, headed by Ira Q. Craft, outlined a worldwide program that would include all Southern Baptists. It said one of the "most persistent needs" is adequate communication of programs, requests and opportunities. The report indicated that requests for volunteers could be initiated from the

mission fields as well as from countries where Southern Baptists do not have missionaries.

The committee urged the addition of more personnel to assist the administrative staff of the board's laymen overseas office and suggested that lay persons could be added to "have available the viewpoints, concerns, and attitudes of lay persons in the administrative process."

In the past year 2,407 volunteers spent periods ranging from two weeks

to a year assisting in Southern Baptist missions work. This is an increase from 1,340 in 1976 and 1,180 in 1975, according to James W. Cecil, furloughing missionary now working as associate consultant for laymen overseas.

The 1977 volunteers included 815 in construction teams, 550 in lay evangelism, 415 choir members, 197 medical personnel, 180 in youth groups, 100 workers for vacation Bible

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Evangelism Studies

Crusade Converts Don't Join Churches

PASADENA, Calif. (RNS) — Two studies conducted by the Institute for American Church Growth here indicate that mass evangelism is not an effective method of promoting increases in church membership.

Separate studies of the effects of a 1976 Billy Graham crusade in Seattle and the "Here's Life, America" campaign held in several cities by Campus Crusade for Christ found that rela-

tively few of the people who indicated that they had made "decisions for Christ" followed up on those decisions by joining local churches.

The study of the Graham crusade's results found that more than 53 percent of the decisions registered were by Christians "re-dedicating" their lives to Christ. Of the non-churchgoers who made "decisions for Christ," nearly 85 percent did not join churches.

Of the hundreds of thousands of "decisions" registered by the Campus Crusade effort, 97 of every 100 were never incorporated into a church.

Data for the study of the Graham crusade were obtained through questionnaires returned by 265 pastors in the greater Seattle/Tacoma area. Asked to evaluate the crusade's relationship to the growth of their churches one year later, 17.3 percent reported a positive effect while 82.7 percent said no effect.

Win Arn, president of the Institute

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Baptist Men's Day Kicks Off Skills Bank System

By Paul Harrell
State Brotherhood Director

Baptist Men on Bold Missions — that is the vision. Baptist Men's Day on January 22 is a time for men to share this vision of the Bold Mission challenge to present the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000. Men can pray. Men can give. Men can be involved in ministry and witness activities in their own community, city, association, state and in their world.

Pastors (through the Baptist Program) and Brotherhood leadership should have received a copy of "Baptist Men's Day Planning Booklet, 1978." Some excellent program suggestions can be found in this booklet. If your church has not received a copy, please contact the Brotherhood

Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

The Brotherhood Department is in the process of establishing a Skills Bank. We ask that on Baptist Men's Day the Skills Bank form be completed by the men in your church. These survey forms may be secured from your Director of Missions or the Brotherhood Department.

Another feature for Baptist Men in Mississippi is that every church choose and complete at least one mission ministry activity during 1978. Your Director of Missions can provide your assistance in locating meaningful areas of ministry.

Mission efforts for hundreds of years have been patiently sowing seeds

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Blood Alcohol Content

Lower The "Drunkability"

(An Editorial)

Mississippi has some strange liquor regulations. For instance, in a dry state, which Mississippi is, a municipality or other political subdivision can vote to be wet.

Also, liquor is sold like soft drinks in the Jackson municipal airport even though it is located in dry Rankin County, a county that has voted time after time to stay dry. This is possible because the city of Jackson, a wet area, owns the property.

Bills are now before both the House and the Senate, however, which make a great deal of sense. Simply stated, these bills would lower the percentage of blood alcohol content for assumed drunkenness from .15 per cent to .10 per cent. That is a 30 per cent reduction, which is a significant amount. It is made all the more significant when it is realized that .10 per cent is the highest figure of any other state in the nation, which means that the blood alcohol content of a drinking person in Mississippi must be 50 per cent higher than in any other state before that person is judged to be drunk. That person can be in his car and on the highway in a condition that would be termed drunk in any other state, and he could be cited only for driving while under the influence of liquor — a lesser penalty at this time.

Actually, these bills would do away with the conviction of driving while intoxicated and have only the conviction of driving under the influence. The penalties, however, would be as stiff as they are now for the more serious conviction, and in some cases would be even stiffer.

In other words, anyone determined to be driving under the influence of a .10 per cent blood alcohol content would be subject to the stiffest liquor regulation penalties on the books.

This is not a wet-dry issue. Drinking

people should welcome this change as much as the teetotaler. This is a life and death issue.

Other stipulations of the bills are that a person convicted of driving under the influence could be impris-

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State Pastors Will Lead Stewardship Series In Kenya

By Don McGregor

Five Mississippi pastors will be leaving Jan. 24 for a three-week stewardship emphasis in Kenya. Also making the trip will be John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, who will coordinate the effort.

The pastors are Bob Hamblin, pastor of Harriessburg Church, Tupelo, and president of the state convention; Clark McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula, and vice-president of the Convention Board; Macklyn Hubbell, pastor of First Church, Cleveland, and chairman of the Christian Action Commission; Ed North, pastor of First Church, Quitman; and J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Columbia.

The group will be teaching the concept and practice of Christian stewardship in every association in the country. Joining the Mississippi team will be Baptist leaders from five other

African countries where future campaigns are planned.

In Kenya following a three-day orientation each man will go with a missionary and a visitor from another country to participate in two day-long sessions in each association. Each will work in eight to 10 associations.

The trip is being provided by the churches where the men are pastors as a part of a Bold Mission Thrust investment.

During the period Alexander is planning to conduct a survey in Zambia for the Foreign Mission Board. Baptists will be in Kenya to observe from Zambia; Tanzania; Nigeria; Rwanda; and Mombasa, which is a part of Kenya.

An effort is planned in late February for pastors who are interested in overseas stewardship projects. The names of those pastors who participate in the indoctrination will be sent to the Foreign Mission Board for possible fu-

ture tours to overseas points.

This type of stewardship emphasis is gaining momentum abroad, Alexander said. He noted that Florida Baptists are scheduled for South Korea, Texas for Brazil, and Oklahoma and Alabama for Hong Kong.

He recounted a testimony by missionary Carroll Shaw in Rhodesia, where a Mississippi team went in 1976. Shaw said the year before the campaign the pastors in Rhodesia made about \$20 per month and didn't always get all of it. During the year of the campaign the average salary was increased to \$58 per month, and the pastors were paid every month. The year following the campaign the salaries were increased to \$80 per month, and the churches had money in the bank. A deacon told Alexander, "You came with an open Bible and taught us that we ought to give to support our churches rather than depending on you to support us."

Israeli Law May Mean Trouble For Christians

JERUSALEM (BP) — The Israeli Parliament has passed a new law that could be "misused in restricting religious liberty in Israel," according to the United Christian Council (UCC).

The law, making it a criminal offense to offer material inducements for conversion to another religious belief, is based on the "myth" that Christians bribe people to join their religious community, said Southern Baptist representative Robert L. Lindsey.

Southern Baptists serving in Israel have representatives on the United Christian Council which registered official protest of the law. In addition, Southern Baptist representatives met with the director of the Ministry of Religion. Lindsey reported that meeting was good, although "strong words" were exchanged.

"The offering of material inducements for conversion is totally unethical and has never been a part of our missionary effort," said J. D. Hughey, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's administrator for that area. "The only danger is that false accusations may be made."

The chairman of the United Christian Council, Naem Ateek of the Evangelical Episcopal Church, said he knows of no Christian group in the country that engages in such practices.

In Israel, changing one's religious beliefs means moving from the com-

munity and breaking many relationships. "The theory is that nobody would change unless there were advantages in doing so," Hughey said.

Southern Baptists representatives and other evangelical groups encourage new Christians to stay within their own community.

Lindsey said wording of the law is quite vague. Punishment for one offering "unfair" inducements can be as much as five years in prison plus a fine of 50,000 pounds. The one taking the bribe faces up to three years imprisonment and a smaller fine.

Considering the ambiguity of the law one UCC member protested that an "innocent act of charity" given to a person interested in learning about another faith could be considered "unfair inducement." Baptist representatives were also concerned about the possible harassment of persons who had already become Christians.

One parliament member who pushed for passage of the bill assured Christians that it applied equally to Jews seeking to convert Christians to Judaism. According to Israeli figures, about 500 Christians convert to Judaism annually, primarily for purposes of marriage.

Lindsey said the secular Jewish community was also unhappy with the law. The head of the Israeli Secularist League denounced the law as a "charter for persecution of Christians."

However, the most objectionable wording of the bill was in the introduction which was not made a part of the official Knesset (parliament) record. This section accused Christian missionaries in Israel of offering "huge sums of money" to "ensnare the souls" of the poor.

The bill was originally intended to stop all missionary activity, but was changed in the interest of religious liberty. It was introduced by Rabbi Yehudah Meir Abramowitz of the ultra orthodox Agudat Israel Party.



Youth Evangelism Conference

The Baptist Youth Evangelism Conference which met Dec. 29-30, at Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson, attracted more than 800 young people from all over Mississippi. Pictured performing are the "creations," a youth music group from Woodville Heights Baptist Church in Jackson, led by Raymond Ball. The teaching and inspirational conference presented seminars on: deepening the spiritual lives of young people and guiding them toward personal devotional and dedication development, and on becoming effective personal witnesses in faith and testimony sharing.

Fast Growers

"You Pull Most Doorknobs"

By Tim Nicholas



Mike Evans is Bus Director, a former Corps of Engineers draftsman.

A salesman who accepted Christ as a result of the ministry of Woodlawn Baptist Church at Vicksburg, said the pastor, "I've figured you people out."

"I've been selling long enough to know that the person who pulls the most doorknobs is going to sell the most."

Pastor of Woodlawn, Paul Brooks, thinks make the salesman was right. The church, 2½ miles outside the eastern boundary of the city of Vicksburg, has been ranked as the second fastest growing Southern Baptist Church in Mississippi. That statistic came from a Southern Baptist Home Mission Board survey which ranked churches according to a group of quantitative figures such as baptisms and Sunday School enrollment.

"The primary reason we're growing," says Brooks, "is God has laid His hand on the church, and two, we're doing the 'going' part of the Great Commission."

Brooks teaches a soulwinning, or witness, training program once a year. He estimates at least 200 adults and another 100 teenagers have taken the "hybrid" course he put together from half a dozen developed by others. "Between 50 and 60 teenagers have led a person to Christ. To our kids a cool guy is one that's sold out to Christ."

Brooks, who has been pastor of Woodlawn four years, is quick to point out that "humanly speaking, the most important factor in our growth has been our bus ministry," he says. He says some dismiss the church's growth by pointing out that "well, half of those are bus kids," he quotes from memory, and adds, "as if they weren't people." Five years ago the church took in \$79,000. "This past year (1977) our budget was \$477,000," says Brooks. "That takes the condescending look off people's faces," he says.

The church's 12 buses are kept up completely by the membership. "When we bought a diesel bus, the next week a diesel mechanic joined the church," says Brooks. Nine of the buses are assigned to routes that cover practically the whole county. Commenting that others have said the church takes buses into other churches' territory, charter member Elma Beasley says "other churches just weren't going out to get them." She admits she didn't believe in bus ministry when Brooks got it started. "I just didn't think people would stick with it." Now, she's sold on it. "It brings more people in that would never get in."

Mitch Alexander, 19, does custodial work part time for the church, is finishing at Hinds Junior College and plans to major in Bible at Mississippi College next fall. Alexander gives his Saturdays and Sunday mornings to the bus ministry. As a bus captain he makes a personal visit each Saturday to each home which has a child enrolled. "It's just like being a pastor to a little area of the county," he says. The home of one family on his route burned

down. He told several ladies in the church about it and the family received more clothes than they needed.

On the route, the bus captains lead in a short program, which includes learning Bible verses, and then after Sunday School, attends children's church with the kids. Of the 900 who attend Sunday School, 300 are in the bus program. Nearly 500 kids have been reported saved through the bus ministry.

Bus director is Mike Evans, who also serves as administrative assistant for the church. Formerly a draftsman for the Corps of Engineers, Evans was a bus captain who was simply serving on the committee which was looking for a bus director when the pastor asked if he'd take the job. Evans plans programs and promotions. We're giving away a bike — like a raffle," he says. "Once the preacher had to ride a horse around the parking lot backwards in a promotion, he says. "If a pastor doesn't support a bus ministry, it's going to die."

Woodlawn also runs a van to pick up elderly people exclusively.

Music minister, Gary Hodges, who is working literally in a closet during the building campaign the church is undertaking, calls Pastor Brooks an "evangelist." "Everything we do, the priority... is evangelism," he says. A Christmas concert at a shopping center ended with an invitation for listeners to become Christians. The Woman's Missionary Union recently served coffee at a shopping center and passed out tracts.

The deacons, Brooks calls his assistants. Monthly they make oral reports of their ministries, which include visiting church members.

In late December the church was \$40,000 behind in its budget. However, "Our people believe God is going to provide exactly what we need," says Brooks. "All through this building

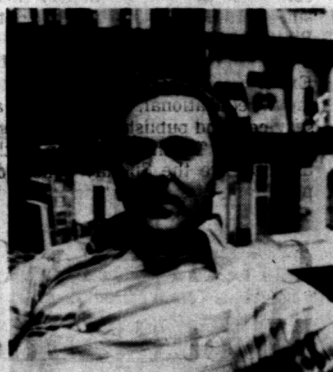


Mrs. Elma Beasley is a charter member. Only at first did she oppose the bus ministry.

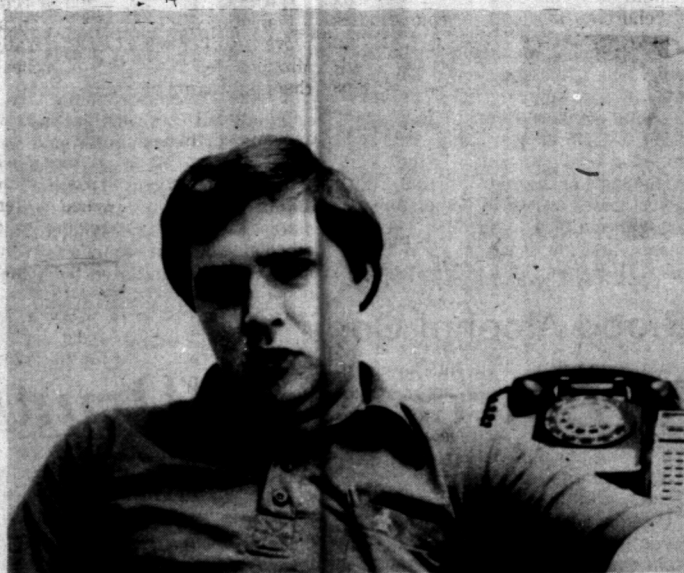
program, we've not backed up one whit on Cooperative Program giving," he says. The church increased CP giving from 21 percent to 22 percent in 1978. "To show we're not building on our own glory," he says. In addition, Woodlawn helps support a church in Pennsylvania they helped start during mission trips.

Recently the pastor put together a committee to identify objectives and set long range goals for the church. "Nobody gets there when they don't know where they're going," says Brooks. The kindergarten at the church came out of the long range plan. There's also a day care center at the church.

Norman O'Neal, director of mis-



Woodlawn pastor Paul Brooks.



Steve Ragan, an engineer, says the church "helps us grow."

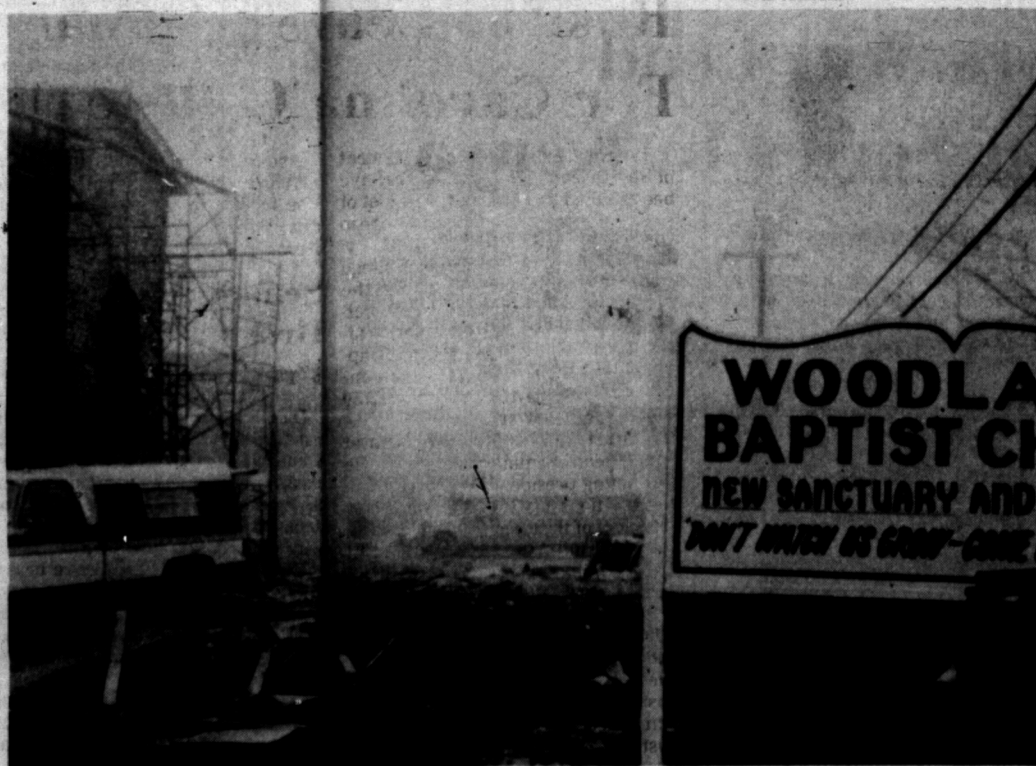
sions for Warren Baptist Association which includes Vicksburg, says the church is growing because it has "an active, progressive, and aggressive staff."

Steve Ragan, church member, says that one reason for growth is "a lost person can, Sunday in and Sunday out, know that a salvation presentation is going to be given. If I were lost, I'd be extremely uncomfortable in church. It's not a place where you hear what you want, but a place where you hear what you need."

(Second in a series on Mississippi's fastest growing Baptist churches.)



James and Pauline Pickel, are among church leaders.



Dallas College Accreditation Reaffirmed

New Orleans (BP) — The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmed the accreditation of Dallas Baptist College here and restored the school to good standing. The accrediting agency had placed the college on public probation a year ago, contending that too much of its revenues were going to debt retirement. A week before the Southern Association acted, the 192-member Texas Baptist Executive Board approved a \$2,950,000 package, which college and Baptist General Convention of Texas leaders hoped would solve the school's financial and accreditation problems.

Newsbriefs In The World Of Religion

Minneapolis (RNS) — A Minneapolis clergyman-linguist has helped translate the Bible into Fulani, a language used by an estimated 10 million West Africans. Leslie H. Stennes said he expects the Bible, when published next year, will help lead many Fulani to Christianity. At present, there are only 500 to 1,000 Christians among the Fulani, who are concentrated in Cameroon, Chad, Nigeria, Dahomey and Upper Volta. Most of the Fulanis are Muslims, but their response to religious radio broadcasts indicates they are becoming increasingly open to Christianity, Stennes said.

Northbrook, Ill. (EP) — While rising alcohol abuse among teenagers has become a national concern, a new survey indicates that alcohol use among the nation's teen-age leaders has dropped significantly. An annual nationwide poll has surveyed 24,000 leading high school seniors and juniors in the U.S. They are among 317,000 "high achievers" featured in the 1976-77 edition of "Who's Who Among American High School Students" published here by Educational Communications Inc. Comparison of the 1974 and most recent survey results reveal that the number of student achievers who "never" use beer has increased from 25 per cent to 49 per cent. The number who "never" use wine has increased from 18 per cent to 46 per cent, and of hard liquor from 34 per cent to 61 per cent. Some 80 per cent of teenagers polled in the latest survey said they regard alcohol as a dangerous drug. Eighty-five per cent have never smoked cigarettes and 88 per cent have never used any drugs including marijuana.

Charles A. Trentham, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., is being sued for divorce by his wife Nancy. This will be the second divorce for Trentham, pastor of President Jimmy Carter and his family, and the third for Mrs. Trentham. He was divorced by his first wife after 31 years of marriage while he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. He has been married to his present wife three and a half years. Trentham said that he was served the divorce papers on Tuesday, Dec. 13. He conferred immediately with officials in the church. The following evening at the Wednesday prayer meeting, he made the announcement to the church. When asked about the grounds on which he was being sued for divorce, Trentham said that he had been advised by his attorneys not to discuss the details of the suit. The pastor was asked about the response of the church. "This church does not shoot its wounded soldiers," Trentham replied. "The members who have talked to me have expressed grief and Christian compassion," he said.

San Francisco (RNS) — An official of the American Jewish Committee has called for the creation of a "blue ribbon" commission to probe "the many charges of human-rights violations carried out by the Unification Church against its members." Rabbi A. James Rudin, assistant national director of inter-religious affairs of the American Jewish Committee, made the proposal in an address to the national convention of the American Academy of Religion here.

Harrisburg, Pa. (RNS) — Pennsylvania's new anti-obscenity law went into effect Jan. 4 but law enforcement officials say it will be difficult to enforce because it includes a series of protective features, including a ban on action against the seller of obscene matter until a jury finds the material offensive.

Paris (RNS) — More than 4 million pilgrims visited France's famed Marian shrine of Lourdes during 1977, church sources here reported. This represented the largest annual number of Lourdes pilgrims registered since 1958, the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to 14-year-old Bernadette Soubirous at the grotto of Massabieille near Lourdes in southern France.

New York (EP) — Singer Anita Bryant, who took a stand against placing homosexuals in strategic places of influence in public schools, tops the list of most admired women in the Good Housekeeping poll of readers. Others named in order of their selection were former First Lady Pat Nixon, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, First Lady Rosalynn Carter, Rep. Barbara Jordan (D-Tex.), author Ann Morrow Lindbergh, opera singer Beverly Sills, former First Lady Betty Ford, Julie Nixon Eisenhower and Princess Grace of Monaco.

Notre Dame, Ind. (RNS) — The University of Notre Dame's law school has established a research center to deal with legal problems affecting independent colleges and universities in this country. A broadly ecumenical group makes up the center's board of directors. In announcing the new Center for Constitutional Studies, its director, Philip R. Moots, said institutions of higher learning face constitutional challenges to public funding for church-related schools and court suits relating to personal and social problems on campuses.

"FCC Seven"

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which ruled last March that the order amounted to "censorship, regardless of what the commission chooses to call it."

In other actions, the high court declined to review the conviction of a Webb County, Texas man convicted of sexually molesting a six-year-old girl in 1974 and it refused to review challenges to California's ban on nude dancers performing closer than six feet customers at establishments with state liquor licenses.

Baptist Men

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around the world. Men are needed to harvest this crop. Baptist Men's Day can be a time for the men of the church to become aware of their opportunity and responsibility.

Send Book Store Mail To President St.

All mail for the Baptist Book Store should be addressed to the Baptist Book Store, 125 North President St., Jackson, MS 39201. Do not send it to P. O. Box 527 any more, as the book store has dropped this box.

Bar Exam Privilege Is Bill Subject

S. B. NO. 2471: (By: Senator Smith (3rd)) An act to define the criminal act of abortion and provide certain exceptions thereto; to require consent prior to certain abortions; to permit certain medical employees to refuse to aid in abortions; to provide for the reporting of abortions; to provide for the promulgation of regulations by the Board of Health certifying hospital facilities for legal abortions; to prohibit performing or soliciting unlawful abortions; to repeal Sections 97-3-3 and 97-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, which define the crime of abortion and the misdemeanor of offering instruments for illegal abortions; and for related purposes. Judiciary A.

S. B. NO. 2502: (By: Senators Stone, Stecker) An act to amend Sections 67-1-37 and 67-1-85, Mississippi Code of 1972, to make lawful the advertising of alcoholic beverages; to repeal Sections 97-31-1 and 97-31-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, which prohibit the advertising of liquors; and for related purposes. Judiciary A.

By: Representatives Abraham, Disharoon and Bryan.

H. B. NO. 694: An act to amend Section 63-11-23, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide that a petition regarding the forfeiture and suspension of one's driver's license may be heard not less than fifteen days subsequent to the date of mailing a summons to the Commissioner of Public Safety; and for related purposes. Judiciary B.

By: Representative Miller. H. B. NO. 478: An act to provide that an adult person may make a written directive instructing his physician to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining procedures in the event of a terminal condition; and for related purposes. Pensions, Social Welfare and Public Health.

By Representative Clark (16th). H. B. NO. 509: An act to amend Section 63-11-35, Mississippi Code of 1972, to require detention for eight hours of anyone arrested for driving while intoxicated; and for related purposes. Judiciary A.

By Representative Blessey. H. B. NO. 513: An act to provide for the crime of indecent behavior with a minor child; to amend Section 43-23-25, Mississippi Code of 1972, to specifically enumerate that behavior which is deemed to be contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child; to amend Section 97-29-39, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide for the crime of aggravated crime against nature; to require medical personnel to report suspected cases of sexual abuse; and for related purposes. Judiciary B.

By Representative Blessey. H. B. NO. 516: An act relating to a continuing upgrading of the professional standards of the Mississippi State Bar; to amend Section 73-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide that the Mississippi Supreme Court, rather than the Board of Bar Admissions, shall be empowered to make all rules and regulations to carry out the provisions and objectives of Chapter 3, Title 73, Mississippi Code of 1972; to amend Section 73-3-9, Mississippi Code of 1972, to delete the reference to the exception to the bar exam granted by Section

73-3-33; to amend Section 73-3-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide that the Mississippi Supreme Court shall provide rules and regulations for the study of law under the supervision of an attorney; to amend Sections 73-3-19 and 73-3-21, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide that the Mississippi Supreme Court shall establish the rules regulating examinations and the grading of examinations for admission to the bar; to provide that applicants for admission to the bar shall have the right to inspect their examination papers and to compare their examination papers and scores with other examinations and scores from the same administration of the bar exam; to provide for the copying and inspection of model answers used in grading examinations; to amend Section 73-3-373, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide an affirmative duty in the judiciary of disciplining members of the bar subject to rules established for this purpose by the Mississippi Supreme Court; to repeal Section 73-3-33, Mississippi Code of 1972, which extends the diploma privilege to graduates of the University of Mississippi Law School; and for related purposes. Universities And Colleges and Judiciary B.

By Representative Coleman. H. B. NO. 638: An act to amend Section 63-11-43, Mississippi Code of 1972, to allow the results of intoximeter tests to be admissible as evidence in civil case; and for related purposes. Judiciary A.

S. B. NO. 2425: (By Senator (Maloney). An act to amend Section 99-19-51, Mississippi Code of 1972, to provide that the method of inflicting the death penalty be by intravenous injection; to amend Sections 99-19-53 and 99-19-55, in conformity thereto; and for related purposes. Judiciary B.

S. B. NO. 2440: (By Senators Stecker, Stone, Cassibry). An act to amend Section 63-11-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, to authorize the certification of certain military police to perform chemical analyses permitted under the state Implied Consent Law. Judiciary A.

S. B. NO. 2402: By Senator Smith (31st). An act to provide for the regulation of smoking in certain public places and at certain public meetings; to prohibit smoking in privately owned establishments where No-Smoking signs are posted; to provide a penalty for violations thereof; and for related purposes. Judiciary A.

S. B. NO. 2410: By Senator DeCell. An act to create offenses relating to obscenity and sexually oriented material; to define obscenity and other terms; to provide procedures for conviction; to prescribe penalties for violation; to repeal sections 97-5-13 through 97-5-19, 97-29-33 through 97-29-41 and 99-31-1 through 99-31-27, Mississippi Code of 1972, which define obscenity, establish offenses thereunder, prohibit previews of restricted motion pictures to be shown at the showing of a motion picture recommended for the general public and provide penalties and procedures for violation thereof, are, hereby repealed. Judiciary B.

Alcohol And Drug Abuse Awareness Week: Jan. 22-28

Gov. Cliff Finch has issued a proclamation making the week of Jan. 22 to 28 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Week. He declares that alcohol and drug abuse is a potential threat to the lives of all Mississippians and that public awareness is "most important in the efforts to curb alcohol and drug abuse."

He points out that "the family can be a powerful prevention force in heading

off alcohol and drug abuse" and says that "it is important that Mississippians be reminded that there are ways to communicate within a family setting."

In proclaiming the week of Jan. 22 to 28 Alcohol and Drug Abuse Awareness Week in Mississippi the governor urges "all Mississippi families to work together to eradicate alcohol and drug abuse in our state."



Top In Training Awards

Holmes Association has been awarded a plaque for being the top association in the state in the ratio of total training awards to resident church membership. The ratio in Holmes Association was one award for each 7.2 resident members. Judd Allen, right, consultant in the Sunday School Department and chairman of an inter-departmental committee on training awards, makes the presentation to M. C. Johnson, director of missions in Holmes and Leflore Associations. The award is for the year 1976-1977, and it will be made annually. Second placement went to Waltham Association with a ratio of 1 to 7.4, and third place went to Mississippi Association with a ratio of 1 to 7.5.

Fulbright Is Feature Of MBREA Meet

Robert C. Fulbright, director of the Bible teaching division, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be a featured program personality for the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association Annual convention being held February 23-25, 1978 at the Sheraton-Biloxi Hotel in Biloxi.

Fulbright, a native of Lake Junaluska, N. C. is a graduate of Mars Hill College, Furman University, Southwestern Seminary and has done graduate work in elementary education at the University of Houston.

He is married to the former Patricia Heaslett of Birmingham, Alabama and they have four children.

Fulbright has served as minister of education in Sylacauga, Ala., and Texas City and Longview, Tex. He has served at the Sunday School Board since 1965. He became director of the Bible teaching division in 1977.

Fulbright is responsible to the Executive Vice - President for directing the educational, field services, art services, and publishing assignments of the Bible Teaching Division. In this division are the Sunday School Department and the art services department, plus Bible correspondence work via radio and television.

At the M.B.R.E.A. Convention he will speak on Thursday night on the subject "New Approaches to Sunday School Work" and on Friday morning on "What's Going on at the Sunday School Board?"

The convention is for ministers of education, directors of missions, age-group workers, denominational workers and church and denominational secretaries. Membership dues of \$10.00 may be sent to the secretary, Mrs. Agnes Batson, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205 and hotel reservations should be made directly with the Sheraton-Biloxi Hotel.

District Keyboard Festivals Set In State

A series of 15 district keyboard festivals will take place in Mississippi Jan. 26-28. The festivals are for piano participants in first through twelfth grades, and organ participants tenth through twelfth grades.

Festivals set for Jan. 26, all meeting at 6:30 p.m., take place at: First Church, McComb; Immanuel, Cleveland; Temple, Hattiesburg; First

Church, Holly Springs, and Broadmoor, Jackson.

Those set for Jan. 27, meeting at 6:30 p.m. are: First Church, West Point; First Church, Laurel; First Church, Kosciusko; Ridgecrest, Jackson; and Highland, Meridian.

The festivals which take place on Saturday, Jan. 28, meet at 9 a.m. at: Woodlawn, Vicksburg; West Jackson Street, Tupelo; First Church, Gulfport; Oak Forest, Jackson; and First Church, Natchez.

Pre-registration for all participants is essential. Contact: Church Music Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., 39205.

Church Secretaries Meet Jan. 23-27

Church secretaries from several states will meet in a four-day personal enrichment seminar January 23-27, 1978, at the Mississippi Baptist Convention building in Jackson. Regional in nature, the seminar is expected to attract church secretaries from all size churches.

The seminar will focus on eight areas of a secretary's work: her role identification; the strategic nature of her office relationships; her public relations with groups inside and outside the church; her work organization and time management; and her improvement of such skills as letter-writing, telephoning, filing and record-keeping.

Individual and groupwork, along with brief lectures, will characterize the teaching-learning experiences. Beginning at 8:30 Monday morning, January 23, the daily schedule will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday; Wednesday from 8:30 to 12:00 noon. Friday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., a certification examination will be given to those interested in the Basic Church Secretaries Certification.

Sponsors are the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, the state Church Administration and Pastoral Ministries Department, Jackson.

Conference

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8:45 Message — Jerry Clower
9:15 Closing Prayer — Lewis Sewell (FBC, Oxford)

Wednesday Morning

8:45 Musical Meditation
8:55 Music
Prayer — Robert Sanderson (Rocky Creek B. C., Lucedale)
9:05 A Call To Boldness — Larry Grafton (Evangelist, Laurel)
9:20 Congregational Singing
9:25 Bible Study — Paul Rees
10:10 Congregational Singing
10:15 Message Frank Cumpler
10:45 Congregational Singing
Special Music
10:55 Message — Earl Kelly
11:25 Season of Prayer — L. Edward Gandy (FBC, Kosciusko)
11:40 Amen

Crusade Converts

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for American Church Growth, noted that the study of the Graham crusade's effects also found that more than 8 of 10 of the persons who had joined churches after attending the crusade already had friends or relatives attending the churches they joined.

According to Ann, that means that "large numbers of new Christians now in churches were invited to the crusade by friends or relatives. Following the decisions, there was a natural 'door of entrance' into that same local church."

He suggested six steps to produce more effective mass evangelism: —Change the goal from registering decisions to making disciples and responsible members of the church.

—Proceed each crusade with adequate church-growth training for pastors and key lay leaders.

—Elevate the importance of the local church in mass evangelism.

—Encourage and train the laity to evangelize.

—Develop and utilize natural bridges of evangelism through friends and relations.

—Structure a year-round strategy of effective evangelism in participating local churches.

FMB Okays

Mission

Service Corps

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schools, and 85 for various special emphases, Cecil said.

In addition, the board now is preparing to send a steadily increasing number of Mission Service Corps volunteers abroad. The new service corps, approved at the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention, hopes to utilize 5,000 volunteers both in the United States and overseas by 1982.

Lewis I. Myers, associate to the director of the overseas division and the board's Mission Service Corps coordinator, said the first three such Foreign Mission Board volunteers already have financial support. The Hills' support will come from interested persons in North Carolina and Mrs. Poe will provide her own support.

Hill is the son of Southern Baptist missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Ronald C. Hill, stationed in Thailand. He grew up in that country. His wife, the former Ellen Linder, is from Lexington, N. C., where they now live.

Mrs. Poe is the widow of Edward C. Poe. She was born in Providence, Ky., and has worked as a secretary, librarian and bookkeeper. She now serves as church pianist for First Baptist Church, Salisbury, N. C.

The board approved a resolution expressing gratitude for the life and influence of W. L. Howse Jr., who died Dec. 27. After his retirement from 17 years' service with the Baptist Sunday School Board, Howse spent six years assisting the Foreign Mission Board in long-range planning overseas and as a consultant in the mission support division.

Changing Communities Meet Planned Jan. 24-25

An awareness conference will be held Jan. 24 and 25 concerning "churches in changing communities who desire an evangelical outreach and options for ministry."

The conference will be at the Lauderdale Association, 2641 24th Ave., Meridian.

Meeting hours Tuesday will be 3:30-5:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. and Wednesday, 9-12 a.m.

Program personalities will include Jere Allen, Home Mission Board and Alabama Baptist Convention, consultant to churches in changing communities; Don Aderhold, pastor, Columbia Drive Church, Decatur, Ga.; Frank Harmon, pastor, Magnolia Street Church, Laurel; J. Ray Grisett, consultant, Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and consultant to churches in changing communities; and Leon Young, director of missions, Lauderdale Association.

Harmon, who is pastor of a church in a transitional community, is an approved worker with the Cooperative Missions Department, for churches in changing communities.

Columbia Drive Church, Decatur, has moved through transition in a changing community during the 28 years Aderhold has been pastor there.

The awareness conference at Meridian will center on such topics as "theology of churches in transition ministry," "options for the transitional church," "the life cycle of the church," "creative ministry in the transitional church," "federal funds for projects in changing communities," and "how to change attitudes of the local church."

This program is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, SBC, and the Cooperative Missions Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Pastors, staff persons, associational officers, and all church members who are interested are invited.

Rust To Leave Seminary For Carolina College

Ray Rust, executive vice-president of New Orleans Seminary, was to have been elected this week as president of Anderson College in Anderson, S. C.

Anderson College is said to be the largest junior college in the nation affiliated with a Baptist state convention. It has 1,150 students.

Rust has been at New Orleans Seminary since 1971. He was acting president between the administrations of Grady Cothen, now president of the Sunday School Board, and Landrum Leavell, now president of the seminary. Rust is a graduate of the seminary and is a former president of the Louisiana Convention.

The election of the new president at Anderson College was scheduled for Tuesday morning of this week, and Rust was the selection of the search committee. A press conference with Rust was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

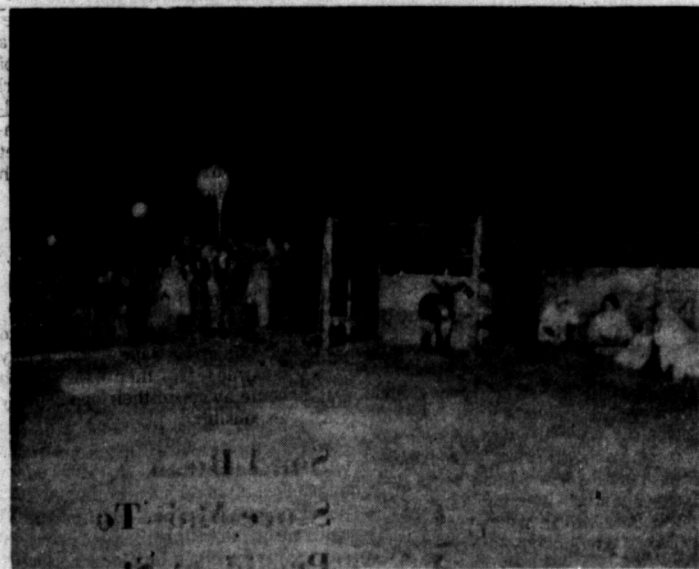
Anderson College was founded in 1911 and is a coeducational institution. The former president, Cordell Maddox, is now president of Carson-Newman College.

Seminary Names Brogan Acting President

Dick Brogan of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board staff, has been named interim president of the Mississippi Baptist Seminary, according to Mrs. R. P. (Lorraine) Sugg of Jackson, vice chairman of the seminary's board of trustees.

Brogan was named to serve in the absence of T. B. Brown, seminary president, who is undergoing physical therapy at the Methodist Rehabilitation Center in Jackson following a stroke last November.

On the convention board staff, Brogan directs the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists.



Kosciusko Nativity Scene

Christmas, 1977, at First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, was celebrated around a live Nativity Scene built by the youth of the church. The music was performed by the youth choir accompanied by the church's brass ensemble and hand bell choir. The scene was performed by Tammy Pickett, Brad McLamore, Al Chadick, III, Steve Myers and Mike Hughes. One real donkey and 2 sheep were used in the scene.

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Editorials

Baptist Men's Day . . .

Support Your Local Pastor

The annual observance of Baptist Men's Day in the Southern Baptist Convention, this year on Jan. 22, is designed to call attention to the ministry of the men of the church other than its staff personnel.

Without question, there are a great number of laymen who are contributing in immeasurable ways to the Lord's work. They deserve every bit of recognition they can get. They can be found among soul winners, Sunday School teachers, those who work around the grounds to keep everything in good repair, those who pitch in on

the construction of new buildings, those whose generous giving means the difference between success and failure on a fiscal basis, volunteer staff members in small churches, and any number of other areas of ministry.

The statistics discussed in the last two issues concerning baptisms, however, indicate that a lot of laymen are not doing much. That they do not take advantage of witnessing opportunities is evident. They bring their children to church, where a Sunday School teacher recognizes a need and follows through on it. Thus our baptism statis-

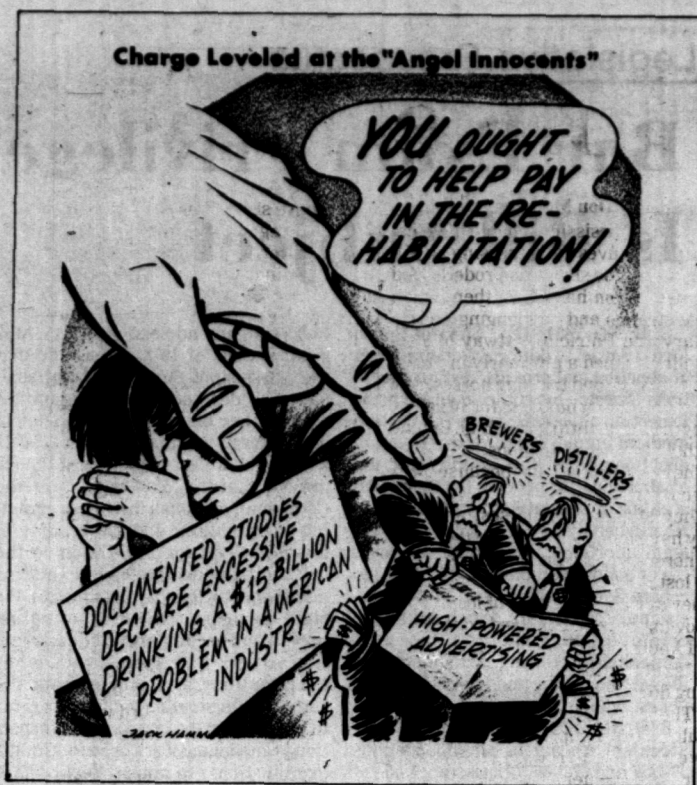
tics seem to indicate that what we are doing is simply baptizing our own children.

These lines are not meant to be negative, but they are meant to call attention to a situation. The church staff cannot do it all. Even with the help of those few, percentage-wise, who get involved, they can't do it all.

Perhaps it is true that some pastors have more success at motivating laymen than others, but all the churches can't have the same pastor. If there is a message that this column would want to convey on the eve of Baptist Men's Day, it would be this:

Men, don't wait to be motivated. Get involved on your own and see if you can't motivate someone else. There is no telling how great your pastor might be if someone is out there generating a little help. The reason for the work, however, is not to make him great but because we all, layman and pastor alike, have been given the same commission to witness to the world — beginning next door.

More than a time for paying tribute to the work of layman, May Baptist Men's Day also be a time for renewed commitment on the part of laymen.



Baptism Decline . . .

Need More Than Children

No doubt Southern Baptists all across the nation were saddened at the prospect of a decline in baptisms for the second year in a row. In fact, Home Mission Board Evangelism Director C. B. Hogue said we should be shocked.

There is, of course, no disagreement with Hogue's statement. It is a shocking and disheartening thing to see a skid begin to develop in baptisms.

But we knew it was coming, and we were able to do nothing to head it off. That is the most disheartening thing of all.

For years by far the primary element of our baptism reports has been our own children. Again, there are so many of us that we could make an acceptable showing in baptisms just by baptizing our children and picking up a few others here and there.

There was a decline in the birthrate in the mid 60s, however, as was pointed out by Jim Lowry, a statistician with the Sunday School Board. Those are the children who are being baptized now.

Hogue has pointed out that if 32,000 pastors baptized one person per week the annual rate would be 1,664,000. He added that if the 750,000 Sunday School teachers won one person each week the baptism rate would be 39 million.

This is all true, and those are fantastic figures. But there are 12 million more of us who are equally responsible.

Indications are that the baptism report for this year will be about 342,201. At that rate if 12 million Southern Baptists had been out witnessing it would have taken about 35 of us a year to win one. The plain fact of the matter is, however, that almost 12 million of us did nothing and maybe about 100,000 were out working. That's about three per church.

At this point in time, of course, there is no virtue in crying over a low report for last year. On the other hand, at this point in time it behooves all of us to begin working for a better report this year.

A number of factors in the baptism

figure were discussed in a Baptist Record story on the projection. The story ran Jan. 12. One of the factors was a notation that perhaps Southern Baptists have too long used baptisms as an indication of health and growth.

Perhaps so, and perhaps we don't need to use baptisms to measure anything. We want to have as many of them as we possibly can, however, for this is a tangible indication of rebirth.

And even more than that, how can we expect to witness to the entire world by the end of the century if we won't even go outside our own door to witness to the family across the street?

Perhaps we are already on the road to addressing the problem as far as Mississippi is concerned. We have a multi-phased operation getting under way that will provide dramatic increases in baptisms if it is followed through. First is the plan to spend this year in witnessing training in preparation for simultaneous revivals next year. Historically, witness-

ing training in itself is a highly successful evangelism program, and it could be carried on year after year with successful results expected. Then the revivals in 1979 should prove to be productive.

Then two new programs in the Sunday School area are bound to result in new Christians, since the Sunday School is the most successful evangelistic agency in the church. A program is getting under way in Itawamba County that will spread across the state and that is one of beginning new Sunday Schools (picture in this issue), and ACTION campaigns are projected statewide in September. Fitting into all of this is the goal of each church adopting at least one mission project during the year. In our state we should see dramatically increased evangelism results almost immediately.

These projects have all been in the planning stage for many months before the SBC baptism figures were projected.

"Soap" Themes Are Scrubbed

NASHVILLE (BP) — ABC-TV apparently has decided to scrub the sexually offensive themes in its "Soap" comedy series, a move that a denominational agency here sees as further evidence that Southern Baptists and others involved in the protest over "Soap" have won a victory.

According to an article in the Dec. 30-Jan. 2 issue of "TV Guide," ABC has dropped its "parental discretion" advisory which appeared at the beginning of each episode of "Soap." Alfred Schneider, ABC's vice president for programming, told "TV Guide" that the show's content has been changed, and the series will now be a "whodunit program."

"The episodes," says Schneider in the article, "do not deal with the adult themes that concerned us originally."

The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), which has been one of the primary leaders in the "Soap" protest, claimed victory two months earlier after learning that ABC had notified its affiliates that radical changes were being made in "Soap."

In a speech last November before the Baptist Convention of Maryland, Harry N. Hollis Jr., the commission's director of family and special moral concerns, said that as a result of grass roots protests ABC "has pulled away from its goal to make 'Soap' a forerunner of things to come on TV."

Schneider's public statements now confirm that report, said Foy Valentine, executive secretary of the SBC social concerns agency.

Valentine expressed thanks to "every concerned Southern Baptist who protested to advertisers, local television stations and national network officials about this morally offensive program."

He also praised editors of state Baptist papers for their "highly effective" role in keeping their readers informed on the entire "Soap" issue.

"We're glad the medium seems to be getting the message," Valentine continued. "At the same time, we plead for continued and now substantially increased local church, family, and personal efforts to communicate our Christian moral concerns about television."

Mississippi's Top Ten Churches In Baptisms '77

1. Woodlawn Baptist Church, Warren Association	102
Paul L. Brooks, Pastor	
2. First Baptist Church, Jackson, Hinds-Madison Association	91
Frank D. Pollard, Pastor	
3. Fellowship Baptist Church, Lebonon Association	86
Hershel Wren, Pastor	
4. Horn Lake Baptist Church, DeSoto Association	81
Billy E. Roby, Pastor	
5. Van Winkle Baptist Church, Hinds-Madison Association	79
H. A. Milner, Pastor	
6. Calvary Baptist Church, Leflore Association	71
Rayford Duck, Pastor	
7. Richland Baptist Church, Rankin Association	71
Paul B. Williamson, Jr., Pastor	
8. Colonial Hills Baptist Church, DeSoto Association	70
J. D. Nazary, Pastor	
9. Grace Memorial Baptist Church, Lee Association	67
Joe W. Holcomb, Pastor	
10. Fairview Baptist Church, Lowndes Association	67
Walter E. Henderson, Pastor	

Lower The "Drunkability"

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oned for not less than 10 days or more than one year, be fined not less than \$100 or more than \$1,000; or both the fine and the sentence, and have his driver's license revoked for a year.

Three additional bills in each house are companion bills of these two. One of the three would increase the number of days a driver's license would be suspended in event the driver refused the chemical test for blood alcohol content from 90 days to 180 days. The other two establish conditions for a hearing in event of license revocation and establish the details of a 10-hour rehabilitation program.

Several bills have been filed relative to this matter. Among them is HB-96 by Rep. Burkes to suspend the driver's license for anyone refusing the test for intoxication, assigned to Judiciary A; H. B. 404 by Reps. Horne and Long which would require the arresting authority to retain a driver's license until a person is "adjudicated guilty" of

driving under the influence of alcohol assigned to Judiciary B; S.B. 2123 by Sen. Moore, which would establish a single offense for driving under the influence of alcohol and lower the blood alcohol content for presumption of intoxication, Judiciary B; S. B. 2164 by Sen. Wright which would lower the blood alcohol content for presumption of driving under the influence, Judiciary B; and H. B. 694 by Reps. Abraham, Disharoon, and Bryan relative to the suspension of a driver's license and a related hearing concerning it, assigned to Judiciary B.

Other bills have been filed but did not have numbers or assignments to committees at press time. Each of the houses has Judiciary A and B committees, and assignments to each is according to which house the bill was introduced in. Committee A. The members of these committee are listed on this page.

The intent of these bills is to get the drunk driver off the highways. Surely every Baptist in Mississippi is interested in accomplishing this pur-

pose. The thing to do is to let these committees know of the interest. The most critical time in the progress of a bill in the Legislature is in committee deliberations. Time is short. Please do not fail to be in touch with these committee members immediately.

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Senate Judiciary "B" Committee
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Letters To The Editor

Changes In Soap

Dear Sir:
The Christian Life Commission is profoundly grateful to you and your fellow state Baptist paper editors for the strong leadership you have given Southern Baptists who are working for

morally responsible television programs. We especially appreciate the support that you have given in opposition to ABC's SOAP.

Word came to us some weeks ago that the ABC network has told its affiliates that it is making radical changes in SOAP. There is some evidence that these changes have begun. We believe this decision to change reflects a major defeat for the people at ABC who wanted SOAP to be a forerunner of things to come on prime time TV. We believe that the network has lost at least half the revenue which it at first anticipated from this raunchy show. Practically no well-known advertisers have been willing to identify with SOAP.

We think that the decision by ABC-TV to change SOAP reflects a victory for those who are determined to improve television. Although we do not now plan to continue to send you the weekly list of sponsors for SOAP, we are keeping a close eye on developments related to this show.

The Christian Life Commission is continuing to work vigorously to enable Southern Baptists and others to cope with television and to bring about needed changes. In addition to continued distribution of the packet, "Help For Television Viewers," our actions at the Commission are scheduled to include television consumer workshops, study and action related to the impact of advertising on children, providing input for appropriate committees in the House and Senate of the

United States, relating to the Federal Communications Commission and the Federal Trade Commission with our special moral concerns, and encouragement of viewers to respond to sponsors and relate to the network's local affiliates.

On behalf of the Christian Life Commission, I thank you for the splendid help that you have given to Southern Baptists in this first phase of a struggle that has just begun. We must keep on working together faithfully and diligently if we are to make television morally responsible.

Foy Valentine
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Christian Life Commission

Women's Ordination

Dear Sir:
Having read your editorial in Thursday's Record, would like to comment on the issues of women being ordained. I cannot find it scriptural anywhere in God's word that would justify women's ordination. And for their using that church ordinance for tax exemption is dishonest itself.

In the beginning God made woman for man's helpmate, and in the New Testament, we are admonished to not usurp men, to learn in silence in the church, gives qualifications for ministers and deacons.

Women that are truly Christian, in my opinion, do not want to take the lead in matters that God appointed men to do.

I know women render an invaluable service in the church, and I know God honors our service. I taught Sunday School for many years, work in WMU, Training Union, but still am convinced women in our day are going far beyond which God intended.

Our pastors are neglecting to instruct our people as God would have them do. We accept every fashion, gimmick, and now we have E.R.A. and women ministers and deacons, which, in my humble opinion, is wrong.

I guess we will eventually endorse homosexuals for the ministry, as some others are doing.

Our pastors and Christians are strangely silent on the subject, instead of backing Anita Bryant loud and clear. We are supposed to be vocal on right and wrong. But if ever there was a time that Satan is having a field day, it is now.

I can't see anyone being dissatisfied with the gender God made us, and our staying in our role as mothers, helpmates, and homemakers. Maybe I was born 50 years too soon.

God gave women the most valuable role in all the world as mothers, and its such a shame women are so dissatisfied.

But, I still say God help us before we face judgement.

Mrs. Earl Callender
Brookhaven, MS

Book Reviews

DOCTRINES OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION by William W. Stevens, Broadman Press, 435 pages, paper.

The author wrote this book to be a college textbook and a ready reference for lay persons. It seeks to present a balanced approach to conflicting views. It has 16 chapters on the whole spectrum of Christian theology.

THE WIND IS HOWLING by Ayako Miura (InterVarsity, paper, \$3.95, 190 pp.) The author, a Japanese novelist and poet — a woman in her early 40's — tells the story of her inner life from her early 20s to the present. It is an account of her life in Japan's turbulent postwar period. It explains her pathway to Christ and helps Western readers understand from the inside much of the Japanese attitude to life. (Her novel, *Shikari Pass*, was published in English in 1975.)

PLANTS, FLOWERS AND HERBS OF THE BIBLE by W. E. Shewell-Cooper (Keats Publishing, paper, 221 pp., \$3.95) The British author has done considerable research into Biblical gardening. Here he gives specific information about flowers, trees, vegetables, herbs, farm plants, pests and diseases that are mentioned in the Bible. Anyone with an interest in gardening would particularly like this book.

GEORGE WASHINGTON by Norman Cournow Camp (Mott Media, paper, 169 pp.) This biography pictures Washington as "much like the average member of your church, for he sat regularly in the pews of many churches." Daily Washington lived by

the Biblical teaching he gleaned from his Bible reading, the author says. "And he was a sower of the seeds of faith to others." Illustrated by Diane Manderfield, this book includes bibliography and subject index.

ROBERT E. LEE by Lee Roddy (Mott Media, paper, 166 pp.) The author, a former newspaper editor and writer of many short biographies, said he searched diligently for a flaw in Lee's character but could not find one. "What was the general's secret?" he asked. "He was a Christ-bearer. His secret was that he found the source of his strength and commitment in Christ." Bibliography and index are included. Illustrations are by A. G. Smith.

Living With Children is a must for parents of children, ages six through eleven. Assuming the first issue indicates the nature of the format and contents for the months ahead, I recommend that it be included in your next literature order from the Sunday School Board. (Bulk shipments mailed quarterly to one address when ordered with other literature, 78 cents per quarter; individual subscription \$4.25 per year.) Articles and features concentrate on parenting in a most practical, positive and helpful manner. Here is another plus from the Family Ministry Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. *Living With Children* fills a great need. It will have a good future as church leaders acquaint parents with it.

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Horse Lovers Find Ministry

By Don McGregor

A young Mississippi couple have devoted their lives to witnessing to followers of horse shows and rodeos, and this dedication has taken them down some strange and challenging paths.

Gary and Patricia Pettway of Poplarville attained a goal early in life. It was boarding and training horses, and they were in that business for 10 years. They had a beautiful ranch at Bovina as their base of operations.

They gave it all up because they were miserable.

They stayed with horses, and now they have found a way to use their love for horses as a means of witnessing to the lost.

They say they find a lot of lost people following horse shows and rodeos.

"I know the Lord has something for us," said Patricia. "We are happy now going down the road to see what it is."

"There was a time when Gary and I would have split up if either of us would have given up Holly" (their five-year-old daughter), she said. She was working full-time as a secretary in Vicksburg and he was an animal inspector for the government. In addition they had their ranch, Pat was training horses, they were running a youth camp at their ranch, and they were baling hay in the summer.

Biggest Influence

Some young people from a Florida Bible college turned their lives around, she said. They came to the Vicksburg ranch as counselors during the summer, and their biggest impact of influence was on their bosses.

"They had nothing and were happy," Pat said. "We had everything and were miserable."

So impressed were they with the Florida young people that they give up their ranch and went to Florida to attend the same college, though Gary was a college graduate. "At first I felt guilty when I would have 30 minutes and nothing to do," Pat declared.

Patterns began to form in their thinking, and while they were in Florida they met people who were to have significant input into their lives later.

They returned to Mississippi, and began to formulate plans for a ministry among the people at horse shows and rodeos. They were not lost in that crowd, for their previous background had prepared them well. In addition to training and showing horses, Pat had been a barrel racer in the past. They

still have six horses of their own.

They began to form a group of supporters for such a ministry and now receive income from 59 individuals and four churches. They use this money for ministry purposes only and never for living expenses.

Form Association

They have formed an association called Horsemen for Christ with seven board members who function in an advisory capacity. The Pettways carry on their ministry by attending horse shows as participants. They show under the banner of Horsemen for Christ and have become well known. This leads to many opportunities for witnessing.

"All of our friends and most of our family think we're crazy," Pat said. "They all see success as owning a house and having a good income. But when you are making a living and are happy doing what the Lord wants you to do, you had better keep on in that way," she added.

While they were in Florida they met a girl from Kentucky and sought to help her spiritually. The girl went back home and her father was so impressed by the change in her life that he became one of the Pettway's financial supporters. While they were there also they met Mrs. A. B. Hively, who owns Faraway Farms at Fort Lauderdale. She was impressed also and has employed Gary to train her string of 25 shows horses for her.

When the Pettways returned from Florida, Gary had a hard time finding a job. First he worked at a summer camp, and last August he went to work for Pearl River Junior College in maintenance. He is looking forward to getting into full-time horse work, and Mrs. Hively is supportive of his ministry.

Now they live in a mobile home which they were going to have to move because the owner of the land needed the plot. Mrs. Hively, however, has just purchased acreage with a three-bedroom house on it, which she will turn over to Gary and Pat. In addition to Holly there now is also two-year-old Justin.

Move Feb. 1

And the owner of the land in Poplarville is going to buy the trailer and leave it where it is. They will move to their new job and to their new seat of ministry operations on Feb. 1.

Only Pat's father is encouraging them to go. Though he is ill with a heart

problem, he said they had better be where the Lord wants them. Pat grew up in Bowmar Baptist Church in Vicksburg. When she was in high school she couldn't afford to take riding lessons, so she would clean out the horse barn for the lesson fee. Gary worked at that barn, and they met. He has been working with horses since he was 15. He is 32 now.

Gary was a Methodist in his youth but became a Baptist. They are members of First Baptist Church of Poplarville.

"You can't win too much when you go to horse shows, but you've got to win your share to keep the respect of the other participants and be able to witness to them," Pat declared. Evidently, Gary wins as many as he needs to, and the Pettways are sought out for their counsel. They help others in any way they can, sometimes even asking troubled young people to live with them awhile.

"We stay in touch with those we've ministered to by letter and calls," she said. "New Christians need help to keep them going in the right direction."

"It's hard to start your own ministry," she added. "If everybody was a missionary there would be nobody to witness to, but we feel this is what we need to be doing." Then she added, "I wouldn't want to go back to the old way."

"I need to grow in the Word," she said. "My strong point is witnessing, but I need to get into the Word more."

Use The Talents

"The main thing I like to share with young people is to encourage them to use the talents that the Lord has given them."

Gary speaks in churches often, and many times Pat is called on to speak, some times unexpectedly.

"We have learned some things not to do along the way," she added.

Though they were happy with the connection at the college and the opportunity of being in horse shows, they knew they would like a full-time situation with horses. Mrs. Hively wrote them "out of the blue." They are anxious to get to Florida and take "another step in whatever the Lord wants us to do."

A great deal of it likely will be such ministry efforts as they carried on through a booth for their Horsemen for Christ organization during the Pearl River County Fair last fall. A couple of the people who traveled with the carnival that was in town during the fair made professions of faith. And a young girl who had run away from home with the carnival was brought into their home for a time and persuaded to return to her parents.



Gary Pettway shows off Rocky, champion barrel racing horse that he helped to train.



The family gathers around as Gary Pettway, who uses his skill as a horse trainer as a means of witnessing, puts a blanket on Rocky to protect him from the cold.

Ten Get Certificates In Sylvarena's New "School"

Ten members of Sylvarena Church, (Copiah) have received the first Certificates of Recognition for completing a Training Union Bible course. In September, 1977, the church formed a School of Biblical Teaching and Training for the purpose of upgrading church spiritual growth and education.

A faculty of recognized teachers was selected: Ruth Case, Betty Lowrey, Emma Jean James, Linda Ray, Lynne Barlow, and Pastor Jerry Barlow who also serves as coordinator. Courses have been designed to be offered during

the Training Union period and at other special times, covering such topics as Bible survey, Biblical doctrines, devotional studies, family life and discipleship studies, in-depth studies of selected books and themes of the Bible, and whatever the Church Training study might be.

A Bible survey course was selected as the most popular choice and even during the October-December quarter. The course utilized the church study course book, *An Introduction to the Bible*, by L. D. Johnson. Participants had to complete all reading assignments and maintain a 90% class attendance record, in order to qualify for a Certificate of Recognition. Upon completing four quarters of study successfully, qualified participants will be awarded a Diploma in Biblical Studies or Christian Development, depending upon the courses studied.

"All in all, Training Union attendance has increased and very favorable comments have been received about this approach," said the pastor.

Washington (BP) — The U. S. Department of State will spend \$39,500 during the fiscal year 1978 for President Carter's personal representative to the Vatican, according to an estimate by a highly placed government official. For a nine year period, beginning in 1970, the President's personal representative to the Vatican will have cost \$318,210.

North Central Baptists Plan New Churches

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (BP) — Just five days into the new year 440 Southern Baptist pastors, missionaries, and state convention leaders from seven north central states gathered here to proclaim 1978 as "The Year of the New Church" and commit themselves to beginning 397 new congregations before the year is out.

The North Central Missions Thrust is an effort by Southern Baptists to double the number of SBC churches and members in the seven states adjacent to the western Great Lakes (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Ohio) by 1990. Yearly emphases include Sunday School enlargement (1977), church extension (1978) and evangelism (1979).

The thrust is part of an overall effort by Southern Baptists to enable every person in the world to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ by the year 2000.

Grady Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn., opened the Jan. 5-7 conference by calling Southern Baptists to "look at the people for whom Christ died," and emphasized the Biblical imperative of the church being a redemptive force in society.

Some of the 70 congregations which began meeting across the north central states in 1977 grew out of fellowships initiated by Sunday School ACTION campaigns conducted during the year with assistance by the Sunday School Board and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board. Fifty-three new Sunday Schools have been started in

the area since Oct. 1, 1977, according to Frank Smith of the Sunday School Board.

Conference sessions were filled with "how-to" presentations on starting new churches and reaching across ethnic and cultural boundaries with the gospel.

It is estimated that several hundred volunteers, including lay persons, seminary students and summer missionaries, will be involved in extending Southern Baptist ministry around the Great Lakes during the on-going Central Missions Thrust.

The current emphasis on church extension will lead into a year of evangelism set for 1979, which will be officially kicked off on January 4-6, 1979 in Columbus, Ohio. The thrust will seek to lead churches in the seven states to baptize 31,000 people in 1979. Simultaneous revival meetings April 1-8, 1979 are planned for the nearly 2,000 SBC churches in the north central states as part of the evangelism emphasis.

Invitation To Full Time Evangelists

Full time preaching and music evangelists are invited to a breakfast during the Mississippi state Evangelism Conference at 7:30 a.m., Feb. 8, at the Holiday Inn in Gulfport.

The Evangelism Conference meets Feb. 6-8 in Gulfport at First Baptist Church there.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Evangelism and Church Music Departments.

Missionary News

Thomas and Margaret Vassar, missionary appointees to Venezuela, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Jan. 9 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). Before they were appointed in 1977, he was pastor of Mount Vernon Church and Amite River Church in Liberty.

Jerry and Joyce Spires, missionary appointees to Malawi, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Jan. 9 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). She was born in Rankin County.

John and Margaret Anne Tarpley, missionary appointees to Nigeria, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Jan. 9 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). They are natives of Tennessee. He was born in Nashville and also lived in Kentucky and Mississippi while growing up.

Donald and Patricia Pirkle, missionary appointees to Gaza, will attend the 14-week orientation program beginning Jan. 9 at Callaway Gardens (address: P. O. Box 535, Pine Mountain, Ga. 31822). She was born in Pontotoc.

Jason and Susan Carlisle, missionaries to Uruguay, have completed language study in Costa Rica and arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Casilla 14052, Montevideo, Uruguay).

Byron and Dora Harbin, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: Carson - Newman College, Johnson City, Tenn. 37760). He will teach at Carson - Newman during furlough.

Eugene and Janice Covington, missionaries to Ghana, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of missionary service (address: Baptist Medical Centre, Nalerigu via Gambaga, Ghana). He was born in Birmingham and also lived in Mississippi while growing up.

Cynthia L. McGee, missionary to China, has arrived in language school (address: Apartado 10240, San Jose, Costa Rica). She grew up in Jackson, Miss. Before she was appointed in 1977, she was a teacher in Ocean Springs.

Samuel and Ginny Cannata, missionaries to Kenya, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Box 598, Kisumu, Kenya).

Darryle and Brenda Dunks, missionaries to Tanzania, have arrived at language school (address: Box 137, Limuru, Kenya). They are natives of Texas. He also lived in Alaska and Mississippi while growing up.

Kathy and John McNair, missionaries to Spain, have completed furlough and returned to the field (address: Urban, Garcia Lorca, Cambario No. 2, Hueter Vega, Granada, Spain). They are natives of Mississippi.

Michael and Jeanie Murphy, missionaries to Guatemala, have completed language school and arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Apartado 1135, Guatemala City, Guatemala, C. A.). Before they were appointed in 1976, he was pastor of Sunflower (Miss.) Baptist Church.

Jerry and Frances Smyth, missionaries to Brazil, have arrived in the States for furlough (address: c/o Ray Bass, 2514 57th St., Lubbock, Tex. 79413). Before they were appointed in 1953, he was pastor of Lexie Church, Tyler, Tex.

Robert and Nan Sugg, missionaries to Taiwan, have arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Box 427, Taipei 100, Taiwan, Republic of China).

Mike and Debbie Williams, missionaries to Honduras, have completed language school and arrived on the field to begin their first term of service (address: Apartado 100, San Pedro Sula, Honduras). He was born in Shreveport, La., and grew up there and in Mobile and McComb.

For 20th Year

Med Center Gets Notice Of Full Accreditation

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center received notice on December 23, 1977 of full, unconditional, two-year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. The two-year accreditation is the maximum granted by the Commission.

Inspection of MBMC by the JCAH team was held October 26-24, 1977. This was the first accreditation inspection

of the hospital since its move into new facilities in February, 1977.

"The JCAH regulations have become much more stringent in recent years and a much more in-depth review of both the patient care level and the physical plant is conducted by the review team," said Paul J. Pryor, MBMC executive director.

"Undoubtedly, the fact that we are now in our very modern health care facility made it easier for us to meet many of the new requirements of the Commission, particularly as regards the safety code regulations for physical facilities."

Mississippi Baptist Medical Center has maintained accreditation since its first review more than 20 years ago.



Sylvarena Bible study participants who received certificates were, from left: Betty Lowrey, Linda Ray, teacher, Jim and Clara Jackson, Garland and Ruth Case, Lillian Roberts, Emma Jean and Jimmy James, and Lynne Barlow.

Jewish Congregation Gives Cross To Baptist Church

PHOENIX (EP) — Beth Hebrew Congregation recently bought the American Christian Missionary Church building here.

But, what to do with the cross on the roof?

It happened that Alice Avenue Baptist Church, a few blocks to the east, needed a cross.

So at the dedication and consecration service, the pastor of Alice Avenue Baptist Church, the Rev. Thomas Ray, accepted the donation of a cross from his new Jewish neighbor.



Mt. Zion Gives Boldly

Mt. Zion Church of Independence (Tate) in the time of bold mission emphasis wanted to do something bold in this year's Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. When the goal of \$4,000 was presented, some thought it should be higher. The goal was then set at \$5,000. Five years ago the goal was \$1,700 and last year the church gave a little over \$4,000. Mrs. Ray Shearer, WMU Director, and Mrs. Roy Myers, wife of the pastor, prepared the display of 20 candles with each representing \$250. The goal of \$5,000 was reached by the third Sunday in December and the total gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering were \$7,282 through January 1, 1978. To have a greater part in Bold Missions for 1978, the church has voted to send Pastor Roy Myers (above) on a two-week preaching tour to the Philippines and to visit mission points in Hong Kong and Japan.

Parkway In 26th Year

Parkway Church, Natchez, recently celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with special services. Both former pastors Ray Megginson and Fred Robertson, and the present pastor, Gerald Buckley, were present.

The activities began with a high attendance in Sunday School with 610 present — a record for the church. The Robertson, Parkway's pastor from 1959 to 1974, brought the message at the morning worship service. Dinner followed the on-the-grounds followed the service.

An exhibit of historical items was opened prior to the Church Training hour with photographs, newspaper clippings, color slides and other items of historical significance and interest on display. Megginson, Parkway's first pastor, preached at the evening worship.

"Bi-Vocational Pastor Is SBC Backbone"

By Judy Touchton

ATLANTA (BP) — The bi-vocational pastor—the tent-making preacher who works secularly to make a living—is the backbone of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC), says James Nelson, of the Home Mission Board.

Some 9,415 bi-vocational pastors exist in the denomination, according to

the 1976 Uniform Church Letters compiled by the SBC Sunday School Board. Of the 35,073 churches supplying letters, 27 percent said their pastor was employed secularly in addition to serving their church.

Lyle Schaller, a church growth specialist, predicts that by 1985 half of the ministers in the country will be bi-vocational.

Although some have challenged the use of the term "bi-vocational," Nelson says, "you have to have some kind of term and this seems to have caught on. Everyone seems to be talking about the bi-vocational pastor."

Emmanuel McCall, director of the Home Mission Board's department of cooperative ministries with National (black) Baptists, says, "I would say that at least 70 percent of our black pastors would be considered bi-vocational." Oscar Romo, director of the board's language missions department, says, "Much of our work has been developed by the bi-vocational pastor."

Raymond Rigdon of the SBC Seminary Extension Department insists bi-vocational pastors represent "one of the greatest potential resources in the denomination" as does SBC President Jimmy Allen. However, many SBC leaders see him strictly as a liability.

Some seminary professors refuse to suggest to their classes that bi-vocational ministry is a life option. The biggest single problem facing the bi-vocational minister is denominational awareness, including seminary awareness," Nelson says.

Bill Slagle of the board's church extension department has encountered some opposition to the bi-vocational option. "The idea is not very attractive to some people. Professors and students have the feeling—perhaps rightly so—that after they've spent three years getting a degree they don't want to make their own living."

"But anytime I look at a list of approvals for Church Pastoral Aid (a salary supplement for mission congregations to allow a full-time pastor) the backgrounds of the people we approve are interesting. Within just about a year we will run the gamut of possibility . . . engineers, storekeepers. As I look at these people I think, 'if they could be encouraged to spend

another two years making their own living after they graduate, they could build churches.'"

With Church Pastoral Aid the department funds approximately 600 pastors. "But we have 6,000 places where we need to start work," Slagle says. "It's just a matter of extending our resources."

The church extension department is working on a pilot project with the Kansas-Nebraska and the Northern Plains Baptist Conventions in which each is selecting five places where they could start churches with bi-vocational pastors; then Slagle helps the convention locate prospective pastors.

Slagle has trouble finding the bi-vocational pastors, however. "We don't have the romanticism that goes with some mission opportunities. Any way you look at it, it's a difficult thing—to pastor a church and make your own living. They're not going to be running over us for places."

Nelson insists, "The danger is to equate the bi-vocational pastor" with the educationally deprived. Rigdon adds: "It's a real stereotyping to assume that the bi-vocational pastor and the educationally-disadvantaged pastor are synonymous. Although most bi-vocational pastors do not have seminary training, many do."

The overriding reason for ineffective bi-vocational ministers, for example, is the lack of time for planning, learning, study, visiting and for family, the consultation showed.

The denomination could most help bi-vocational ministers, the consultation also reported, by holding meetings — associational, state and national — on weekends or at night when most bi-vocational pastors can be away from jobs.

One bi-vocational pastor summarized his feelings at another conference: "A secularly working minister in a sense is committing both physical and spiritual suicide because of too much work and pressure and too little time for recreation, prayer, Bible study and ministerial duties."

Until recently the convention ignored the bi-vocational, says Nelson. Ken Carter, the Home Mission Board's director of small church and revival evangelism, muses, "I really think that for a while we, as a convention, kind of got the 'big church-itis.' If we're going to do something, we've got to consider the 23,000 small churches, many of which have bi-vocational pastors."

Glenn Fields, associational director of missions in western Montana, has several bi-vocational ministers in his area. He says, "There might still be a little more romance left in the pioneer situation. And maybe the whole idea of this bi-vocational ministry will stir the pioneer spirit . . . cause a replay, a re-enactment of the pioneer church-building days."



New Sunday Schools In Mississippi

A Mississippi effort to establish new Sunday Schools is a part of a nationwide emphasis being sponsored through the cooperation of the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board. In Mississippi the Sunday School Department and the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board are joining in the sponsorship. The effort is funded by the Sunday School Department in Nashville. Principal personalities of the program in Mississippi are, left to right, Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, Chester Vaughn, program director; Lester Jones, director of missions in Itawamba Association; Victor Clayton, retired pastor in Fulton; and Bryant Cummings, director of the Sunday School Department. They were meeting to define plans and establish the program for Clayton to work with the director of missions and the churches of Itawamba Association in the establishment of new Sunday Schools.

Needs Musical Groups

BWA Youth Conference Will Meet In Philippines In July

More than five thousand persons are expected to attend the Ninth Baptist World Conference in the Philippines July 19-23, 1978. Representatives from as many as 70 nations will meet in

Manila to explore the theme, "Jesus Christ—the One Light for All People." Sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance (BWA), the youth conference has been meeting approximately

every five years since 1931. Prague, Czechoslovakia, was the site of the first meeting attended by 400 youths from 20 countries.

Experiencing unity in Christ has been the primary benefit identified by participants in past conferences.

"When we look at the varied backgrounds out of which we have come, we may well wonder concerning the basis of our heartfelt unity," observed Sadaka Matsuo of Japan at the 1958 conference in Canada. "Let us witness before the world, as partners in obedience to him and proclaim the love of God which binds us together as heirs of the gospel."

In the same spirit, a participant in the 1974 conference in Portland, Oregon, said, "We are meeting here to learn to love each other and to love Christ more."

The evening and final Sunday morning sessions will convene at the Philippine International Convention Center. International music groups, a choir and orchestra, speakers, and a musical drama are among the features to be included. Ed Seabough, Southern Baptist Convention, is in charge of the evening sessions.

Several representatives from Iron Curtain countries are expected to attend the conference. Their participation and that of many others will be made possible through scholarship donations. The Scholarship Committee has set a goal to raise \$100,000 in scholarship funds.

For information about the Ninth Baptist World Conference, write to Betty Smith, Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009.

Mark Blankenship is director of music for the conference. Blankenship, a well-known composer and conductor, is editor of youth and adult music for the Church Music Department of the Southern Baptist Convention.

His advance responsibilities for the youth meeting include enlisting music groups to perform during the conference and selecting hymns for inclusion in the program. In Manila he will direct the conference choir and congregational music.

To be considered for performance during the conference, individuals and groups must submit a reel-to-reel tape of three selections, an 8" x 10" photograph, and a complete repertoire list. Mail to Mark Blankenship, Baptist Sunday School Board, 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee 37234.

Elton Moore has resigned the pastorate of Bethel Church of Brandon where he had served for almost six years. He has accepted a position with Imperial Woodwork, Inc. of Waco, Texas as sales director for the state of Mississippi. Imperial is one of the leading church furniture manufacturers of the nation.

He will continue to reside on Whitfield Road of Brandon and will be available for supply preaching and interim pastoral work. At present he is serving as interim pastor at Parkway Church of Kosciusko.

Before going to Bethel he was public relations director at Clarke College, and he and his family were missionaries in Indonesia for eight years.

He is a graduate of Clarke College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

Anthony S. Kay has been called as pastor of First Church, Calhoun City, where he moved on the field January 5. He comes to Calhoun City from First Church, Crestview, Fla. Kay previously served several churches in Mississippi, including First Church, Coldwater, 1967-1974. He is married to the former Carol Ann Miller of Rolling Fork. The Kays have two children, Kathy, 15 and Landry, 8.

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Evangelism Conference

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Pollard Hosts Television Bible Course

FORT WORTH (BP) — The lights were bright, the stage set and the cameras rolling Jan. 17 for the first video taping in the new television studio of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission in Fort Worth.

A pilot Bible correspondence course featuring Frank Pollard, preacher on "The Baptist Hour" and pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., is the first program being taped in the new studio. It is being presented jointly by the Radio and Television Commission and the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

The Radio and Television Commission studio — the largest exclusively religious programming studio between New York and the west coast — was dedicated in April, 1977. The \$3.3 million building that houses it and a training center for religious broadcasters, was built from money raised during a national campaign.

The pilot show for the as yet unnamed series will also feature John Drakeford, author and professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baylor University football coach, Grant Teaff, Cynthia Clawson of Nashville, Joe Ann Shelton of Fort Worth, and the New World Singers of New York will provide music.

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Revival Dates

Harrisburg, Tupelo: Jan. 22-25; at 7:30 nightly, Tommy and Diane Winders, evangelists; David Ring of Liberty, Mo., cerebral palsy victim and gifted speaker, to preach on Mon., Jan. 23; Paul Anderson, 1956 Olympic weight lifting champion and world's strongest man, to speak on Tuesday, Jan. 24; Robert Hamblin, pastor.

the Mail Order Center not been made because packages mailed in Mississippi must go through the Memphis Bulk Mail Center before they reach the customer.

"We are trying to use the changes the Postal Service made to our own advantage," said Graham. "Our Mail Order Center should do this."

Another advantage, says Graham, is that the Mail Order Center serves as a warehouse for the Baptist Book Stores in the area where it is located.

"This enables us to have more merchandise in locations nearer the customers so we can serve them more quickly," Graham said. "The Jackson book store can draw from the merchandise in the Memphis Mail Order Center and can, therefore, have a larger and wider selection to offer customers."

Graham pointed out that the Baptist Book Store in Jackson still offers all the other services it had available prior to the opening of the Mail Order Center. The only change is that packages cannot be mailed from the store. Since films are processed through the mail, the Baptist Film Center is located in the Mail Order Center.

Tom Gambrell, manager of the Jackson Baptist Book Store, says he heartily concurs with the inception of this change, "knowing that it will offer the best service available to the stores for our mail customers."

He reports that an expanded "will call" section will be in the Jackson store to enable customers coming to Jackson to phone their orders ahead of time. "A telephone desk is open Monday through Friday at 7:45 a.m.," he says, "to enable callers to have the best long distance rates in placing his order." Gambrell requested customers to allow three hours from call time to allow order to be assembled.

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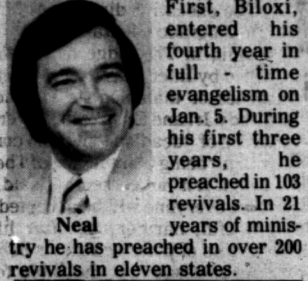
Allen Stephens, pastor, and wife Omega, at Bay Vista Church, Biloxi, made parting remarks at a Christmas party held in their honor. Stephens has accepted a call as pastor of First Church, Ferriday, La. He has been pastor of Bay Vista for eight years.

E. C. Tucker has accepted a call from Bond Church in Neshoba Association to become pastor there. He has moved on the field.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Steve Mooneyham was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Baptist Church, Calhoun City, December 18. He has entered Clarke College.

Perry Neal, former pastor of First Church, Bay St. Louis, and former associate minister at First, Biloxi, entered his fourth year in full-time evangelism on Jan. 5. During his first three years, he preached in 103 revivals. In 21 years of ministry he has preached in over 200 revivals in eleven states.



Neal

Ruby Dale and Robert Lee Compere of the Monterey community near Florence were recently honored with a reception on their golden wedding anniversary. Their children who were present were Mrs. D. E. Stewart, Florence, Rev. Bob Compere, Kansas City, Kan.; Art Compere, Byram; Mrs. James Green, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. Buck Kennedy, Noxapater; and Rev. Reuben Compere, Brent, Ala. One daughter, Mrs. Buck Jackson of Belle, Mo., was unable to attend. Mrs. Compere is the daughter of the late W. R. Cooper, a Mississippi Baptist pastor.



Two students from Mississippi were among the 46 Southwestern Seminary students named for inclusion in the 1978 edition of Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. Seventeen states and one foreign country are represented in the seminary listing. State students are Diane Pamela Smith, Jackson, and Larry Dearman Smith, Meridian. She is seeking a Master of Religious Education degree and he is studying for a Doctor of Musical Arts degree.

Jim Haynes, pastor of Forrest Avenue Church, Biloxi, will visit the Holy Land Feb. 6-17. His tour will include eight days in Israel and three days in Cairo.

Herman A. Merritt has resigned as pastor of Temple Church, Crossett, Arkansas, to enter the field of vocational evangelism. Merritt, who formerly served Temple Church, Petal, Hattiesburg for five years, will live in Hattiesburg. He will be staff evangelist of Main Street Church, John Barnes, pastor.

Merritt is president of The Gospel Truth Evangelistic Association, and preaches over Mississippi radio stations WHER, Hattiesburg, 9 A.M. each Sunday; WCHJ, Brookhaven, 7:30 A.M. each Wednesday; and WPMP, Pascagoula-Moss Point, 12:00 A.M. each Sunday. The Gospel Truth Evangelistic Association, supported by a number of Christians from several southern states, has set a goal to make the gospel of Christ available to 250,000,000 people by the end of 1981, through revivals, mass media, overseas evangelism and evangelism in pioneer states.

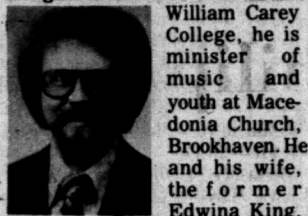
Merritt's address is Route 6, Box 50-16, Hattiesburg, (Telephone (601) 582-5336) or Main Street Baptist Church, 1101 Main Street, Hattiesburg, MS. 39401.

Mike Franzone, evangelist, has moved from Ft. Myers, Fla., to Hattiesburg, where he has entered school at William Carey College. He is available for pulpit supply and revival work on weekends. His address is Dumas Apt. 49, Broadway Drive, Hattiesburg, MS 39401.



Locust Hill Church, Pontotoc Association, licensed Donald Payne to the gospel ministry November 20. He is the son of Locust Hill's pastor, Marion Payne, and is married to former Charlotte Rowan. He is a student at Northeast Junior College, Booneville. Father and son are pictured. Donald is available for supply work (Phone 534-3921; address Route 1, Blue Springs, 38828).

Benny Still has been included in the second edition of Who's Who in Religion in America. A senior at William Carey College, he is minister of music and youth at Macedonia Church, Brookhaven. He and his wife, the former Edwina King, have a two-year-old son.



Still

Robert L. Mills, president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., for nearly 19 years, has announced he will relinquish his duties as president at a time to be determined by the school's board of trustees but no later than the close of the current academic year. In granting the request, the board asked Mills to continue as chief executive officer until a successor is named and then to assume the office of chancellor. Mills, 60, is 20th president of the Baptist college and has served in that position longer than any other in the institution's 150 year history.



Mr. and Mrs. Watts

Members of Springfield Church, Rt. 1, Morton, (Scott) honored their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Watts on their 25th wedding anniversary with open house on November 20. The centerpiece for the table, a handmade silk flower arrangement, was a gift from the hostesses. The three-tiered wedding cake was made by Mrs. Jerry Miles. Flowers were placed in the church honoring the Watts. Pictures were made by Roland Myrick. The couple received many gifts.

Ralph R. Lawler, state trial judge from Trenton, Tennessee, was elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis) for 1978. Elected first vice chairman of the Board was William H. Preston, Jr., MD, a physician specializing in obstetrics and gynecology from Booneville.

John T. Keeton, attorney from Grenada, has been elected to membership on the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital (Memphis). Management and control of Baptist Memorial Hospital is vested in a 27-member board of trustees. The Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas, joint owners of the hospital, each elect nine members of the board for three year terms. With 1915 beds, Baptist Memorial Hospital is the largest privately owned hospital in the United States.

Record 279 Southern Baptists Join Missionary Ranks In '77

RICHMOND (BP) — Twenty-three missionaries were approved at the December meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to bring the year's total to a record 279. That's 11 more than in record 1976.

"As impressive as these numbers are, they represent only the beginning of a new level of response to missions which we are now seeing in Southern Baptist life," said R. Keith Parks, director of the board's mission support division.

Already, he noted, even larger number of places are opening up for service abroad. Missionaries and local Baptists in the 90 countries or territories where Southern Baptists have worked have requested 1,406 new missionary personnel for the coming year.

News of the record number of appointments was coupled with a report by J. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, that the number of career missionaries resigning in 1977 was almost 20 percent lower than in 1976.

Eighty-six career missionaries resigned in 1977, Crawley said, but six of these were the result of three missionaries asked to join the board's

staff in Richmond. One other couple resigned and was reappointed in the same year.

During the year 16 other former missionaries were reappointed, he explained, which further reduced the net loss to 62 (apart from those joining the Richmond staff), which he said was 2.67 percent of the total career missionary force at the beginning of 1977.

Crawley said the overall picture shows "really a remarkable tenacity of missionary commitment considering all the stresses and strains to which the missionary is subjected overseas."

For the first time since his Sept. 18 heart attack, Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive director, was present for the monthly board meeting. Looking trim from his daily three-mile walks, Cauthen told board members he plans to return to his office on a limited schedule beginning the second week of January.

The resignation of W. L. (Wimpy) Smith, associate consultant on laymen overseas, also was announced at the meeting. Smith has accepted a new post as stewardship field consultant

for Resource Services, Inc. in Dallas, Tex., a consulting firm serving churches and institutions in the western United States.

The board also approved a total of \$79,988 in hunger and relief projects in five countries. Of the total, \$3,800 from hunger funds will be used to aid people in the drought-stricken area of southwestern Oaxaca, Mexico.

The largest share of the relief money, \$47,500, was for work in the area of northwestern Argentina hit by a severe earthquake Nov. 23.

Clarke Chooses "Mr. And Miss"

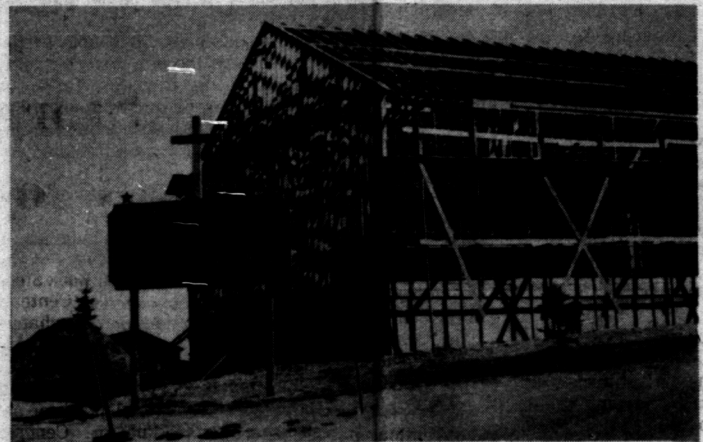


Clarke College students have chosen Beth Milner of Jackson as Miss Clarke College and Kenny Gregory of New Albany as Mr. Clarke College.

Beth, daughter of H. A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Church, and Mrs. Milner, is a sophomore music student. She is a member of the College Choir and the Clarke Singers and was chosen "Most Beautiful" last year.

Kenny, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gregory of New Albany, is a sophomore ministerial student. He is the 1977-78 Student Body Association president. The Favorites election is conducted by the Annual staff, and Beth and Kenny will be featured in the 1977-78 college annual.

Largest Church Building In Northern Plains Rises



Easthaven Baptist Church, Kalispell, Mont., is erecting a building. When complete this spring it will be the largest church building in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention

which covers North and South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

On Saturday afternoon, June 30, 1962, a strange little caravan entered Kalispell, Montana. A well used van truck and a rented trailer contained the earthly possessions of Robert and Elaine Wall and their two-year old son, Bruce. This pioneer mission family from Brookhaven, Mississippi, was sent of God to help give birth to a Southern Baptist church in this northwestern Montana community of 13,500 people.

On September 29, 1964, Easthaven Baptist Mission was organized into Easthaven Baptist Church with 21 charter members. Property was bought and a first unit building was begun. Mississippians made possible the purchase of the property and helped finance the first building.

The church continued to grow and

prosper. Wall resigned as pastor in 1971 to return to Mississippi where he currently serves as director of church relations at Mississippi College.

On June 5, 1977, Easthaven Church of Kalispell broke ground on their new auditorium and educational building. The first shovelful of ground was turned by Hal Buettner, architect of the building, followed by Keith "Tuffy" Kolczak, chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, Buck Holley, chairman of Deacons, and Herman "Butch" Adcock, pastor.

The facility will have 13,700 square feet of space for educational rooms as well as an auditorium to seat 500 people. Construction has been completed almost solely by members of the congregation.

July 4 marked the first anniversary of Easthaven's television ministry. The 11 a.m. service is broadcast live each Sunday morning and reaches over 32,000 people in Kalispell, Whitefish, and Columbia Falls. The program originates at the church and equipment is manned by trained members.

Wake Forest Trustees' Role May Be Ambiguous

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (BP) — The question of whether the Wake Forest University trustees violated their charter when they refused the mandate of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina "would not be terribly easy to resolve," says the dean of Wake Forest's law school, Pasco M. Bowman.

North Carolina Baptists told the trustees they would have to return the \$85,000 earmarked for construction of a biology department greenhouse from a federal grant of \$300,000, because it would not "render a service" back to the government, a convention requirement for accepting government funds. But the trustees voted to use the money for that purpose anyway.

According to C. Mark Cortis, president of the state convention, the trustees violated their charter which says they must operate as an agency of the convention and "in accordance with the policies adopted by the convention."

But Bowman finds an ambiguity in the role of the trustees. "On the one hand there's something that seems to say the trustees are subject to the overall will of the convention," he says. "On the other hand, you have the generally applicable legal norm which says trustees are legally responsible for the affairs of the cooperation. How you balance these two confusing statements, I just couldn't say."

He also notes that the university charter says the trustees "own and operate" the university and have "full power and authority generally to do and perform all acts which may be deemed necessary or expedient for the proper and successful carrying out" of the school's purpose. According to

Bowman, that statement is so broad that it could be "construed to encompass almost any decision the trustees would have to make."

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Mantee Gives Over \$5,000 For Lottie

When the offering was taken January 8 the people of Mantee Church had given \$5,378.44 to Lottie Moon. Mantee Church has had an unusual year. Not only did the church send their pastor on preaching assignments to the Philippines in April and to Africa

in September but they set their Lottie Moon goal at \$3700.

Pastor Dennis Johnsey said, "They felt this was a large amount for a church that averages 160 in Sunday School. Their love for the Lord showed in their gifts."

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Just For The Record



EDON CHURCH (JASPER) at Stringer used the theme, "Lead Kindly Light" in an Acteen recognition service recently. Girls recognized were: Freda McCarty and Marsha Stringer, Queens-with-Scepter; Pam Clark, Sarah McCarty, and Kim Stringer, Queens-Regent-in-Service; and Connie James, Service Aide.

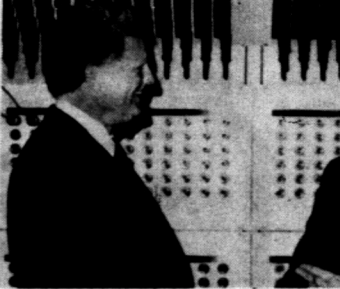


HICKORY FLAT CHURCH gave special tribute to retiring deacon, G. E. Todd, on Dec. 14. Todd has been a member of the church there for about 50 years. The pastor, J. D. Joslin, gave a testimony of gratitude using Acts 11:24 as background and the theme, "A Man Worthy of Honor." Those present were given an opportunity to express appreciation for this godly, faithful deacon, teacher, and spiritual leader. A certificate of appreciation was presented for Todd's many years of dedicated service. Symbolic of the close tie of his life to his church and his Saviour, a necktie was presented as the congregation sang, "Blest Be The Tie." Left to right: J. D. Joslin, pastor, G. E. Todd, Ellis Perkins, chairman of deacons.



Central Church, Brookhaven recently had a recognition service for their Girls in Action. The following received recognition: Rene Wallace, Nancy Cole, Stacy Moak, Carol Ann Fairchild, Rebecca Labeth, and Jackie Sellers. Juanita Schilling is GA director; Patsy Wallace and Glenda VanOver are counselors. H. Glen Schilling is pastor.

The Iota Sigma Chapter of the Mississippi Woman's Christian Temperance Union met on Jan. 16 at the home of the president, Mrs. A. R. McCool at 337 Springfield Circle, Jackson. Lillian Johnson, director of Christian outreach, Mississippi WCTU, said, "The WCTU continues to make contributions to community, state, and national affairs through group study, discussions, and the exchange of information on current problems. Major emphases are given to alcohol education, prevention of alcoholism, and study of the drug problem and tobacco. Strong emphases are given to better law enforcement, health and safety, exercise of citizen responsibility, international relations, and social service. WCTU includes Christian women who believe that a deep spiritual experience will develop strong conviction and action."



Robin H. Mathis (center), manager of Houston's WPCP-AM-FM, learned about the sophisticated lighting system in the Southern Baptist Radio-TV Commission's new television studio



The Whiteheads

Mr. and Mrs. Al Whitehead of Jackson have completed another photographic trip to Montana and have developed a slide presentation which they are making available to churches.

This year's production utilizes 284 slides, four projectors, two dissolve systems, and two six-foot screens. The Whiteheads visited 13 churches in Montana in a Bold Mission emphasis. Mainly they were in both eastern and western Montana in borderline areas, Whitehead said.

Both of the Whiteheads work and are at home at night. Their telephone number is 956-4768.

As was the case last year, the presentation is made without charge. Any honoraria will be sent to Montana to be used in a needy situation. Whitehead said the presentation will be useful as an Annie Armstrong Offering emphasis.



from Commission president Paul M. Stevens (left) and Truett Myers, vice president of television production. Mathis, who represents Mississippi on the Commission's board of trustees, was attending a recent board meeting.

U Of R Prof Is Transferred After Speech

RICHMOND (BP) — Robert S. Alley, chairman of the religion department at the University of Richmond who recently told an atheist group that Jesus "never claimed he was God," has been transferred out of the religion department.

A statement released by the University of Richmond board of trustees said that Alley requested a move "to an area within the university where he might be more effective under the circumstances." Reassignment to a "position of appropriate responsibility" will be forthcoming after consultation with the new provost, Melvin L. Vulgamore, who will assume his post early in January.

Alley was reported by the Richmond News Leader to have told a group of atheists at First Unitarian Church that "For the last 1,800 years, the Christian church has been preaching something about Jesus that he probably didn't say about himself."

"I see Jesus as really a Jew," Alley was reported to have said. "I don't imagine for a minute that He would have had the audacity to claim the deity for Himself. I think the (Bible) passages where He talks about the Son of God are later additions — what the church said about Him."

Those statements brought a howl of protests from the Richmond area pastors, about 60 of which met with university president E. Bruce Heilman. Heilman apologized to them for Alley's remarks.

In the statement, the board of trustees affirmed the university's "commitment to the Christian faith, an identification with and relationship to Virginia Baptists, (and) the education of young people for church related vocations."

The trustees, who also reiterated the university's commitment to "free expression by responsible individuals in their educational endeavors," said that they regretted the impressions projected by Alley's speech and that "certain statements attributed to Dr. Alley in no way represent their (the trustees') historic, current or projected position."

Although his new post has not yet been determined, Alley said it would be on "a less emotional perch" and was a lateral move, "neither a demotion nor a promotion." He said in a prepared statement that "the move reflects my commitment to freedom and my concern for the best interest of the university."

Devotional

Above The Clouds

By Larry K. Salter, Associate
Sunday School Department
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Romans 8:18).

Recently my wife Connie and I sponsored a skiing trip to North Carolina. Many times as we sat in our cabin high on the mountain we could see below us the clouds in the valley. A couple of the mornings we woke up to find that we were in lovely sunshine, but the valley below was covered with clouds.

Several times during our trip I looked out our window and saw the clouds below. I have thought of the clouds of discouragement and suffering that can temporarily veil the sunlight of God's love from some of us. There are many of us who have a cloud hanging over our lives. Some of us may be in hospital beds; others suffering discouragement and bereavement, some disappointment.

The Bible has a great deal to say about clouds, for they sometime symbolize the spiritual forces which obscure the face of God. The Bible indicates that clouds are given to us for a purpose and that there is glory in the clouds and that every cloud has a silver lining.

I want to remind you of some of the clouds that hide from you the beauty of the face of God.

First, there is the cloud of suffering. The Bible teaches that human suffering is inescapable. We must accept it as an integral part of life. Job said, "Man that is born of woman is of a few days, and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). Life has its beginning in suffering. Life's span is marked by pain, suffering, tragedy, disappointment, and our lives terminate with the enemy called death. The person who expects to escape the pangs of suffering and disappointment simply has no knowledge of the Bible, of history, or of life.

Second, another cloud that comes to us is the cloud of discouragement. Many of the great Bible characters became discouraged. Discouragement is no new device. It is as old as the history of man.

Discouragement is the very opposite of faith. The Bible says "Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait I say, on the Lord" (Psalm 27:14).

Third, there is the cloud of disappointment. There have been times during disappointments that I felt like life seemed no longer worth living. But as I thought, we are called according to God's purpose, and if we love God, all things do work together for good. The psalmist said, "... he guided them by the skillfulness of his hands" (Psalm 78:72).

Yes, clouds will come. They are part of the fabric of life. But by God's grace we need not be depressed by their presence. Sometimes they are for our protection.

Finally, we trust in the promise of I Thessalonians 4:16, 17, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the violence of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet them in the Lord and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

The sunlight of His love can still shine into the darkest part of your life. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life" (John 8:12).

BWA Drafts World Peace Resolution

NEW ORLEANS — Baptist leaders from seven nations, gathered here for annual meetings of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee, commended "all national leaders who are striving for a just and peaceful solution to problems in the Middle East and other troubled areas of the world" and pledged the 29 million Baptists of

the BWA "to pray and to work with all others who cherish the achievement of this goal."

The Executive Committee met November 21-23 on the campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The Alliance is a fellowship of 109 Baptist Conventions and unions in about 100 countries.

Did You Get A Faceful Of Mud?

This is a story of a small girl in a beautiful white dress with an armful of flowers. She happened to pass a young boy who was playing in the dusty streets ... the sight of that dainty figure stirred the spirit of mischief in the boy's heart. Suddenly he threw a handful of mud at the little girl ... It struck the edge of her lovely dress, and fell in a shower upon her new white shoes.

The girl stood still — her face flushed

pink — her lips trembled as if she would cry — But instead ... a smile broke over her face, and then, taking a flower from her bouquet, she tossed it to the boy, who stood there waiting to see what she was going to do. What a victory it would be for all of us, if our hearts were big enough to toss back a smile and a friendly word every time life gives us a hurt. — Benton Cain in "Cheer"

God's Sustaining Presence

By Hardy R. Denham, Jr.
First, Newton

Daniel 6:3-7, 10-11, 16, 19-23

The flight of Apollo XIII was proceeding according to schedule. Astronauts James Lovell, Fred Haise and John Swigert were on their way to the moon. Suddenly at 10:08 p.m. on April 13, 1970 there was an on-board explosion. The space capsule and its crew were 207,000 miles from earth. There followed four days of uncertainty as the space center sought to bring the crippled craft safely back to earth. When the families of the crew were interviewed by the press, Swigert's father, J. Leonard Swigert, said, "There's a fourth astronaut in the capsule with them."

Daniel was sustained by the presence of God. Daniel's life in Babylon spanned the reign of several kings. He was taken from Judah to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 605 BC. Daniel not only lived the rest of his life there, he also became an important person in government service. By the time of Darius (522-486 BC), Daniel was marked for promotion to prime minister of the kingdom (verse 3).

However, other men in the government of Darius were jealous of Daniel and planned a plot which resulted in peril for him. The threat to Daniel's life became an experience of triumph because of God's sustaining presence.

I. The Scheme Against Daniel
Daniel 6:3-7

The presidents and satraps ("protectors of the realm") were jealous of Daniel. Darius' choice of Daniel for promotion was unacceptable to them for they would have to answer to Daniel. One aspect of their jealousy seems to have been racial prejudice for when they brought their charges against Daniel they called him "one of the exiles from Judah" (verse 13).

The jealousy of those officials led them to seek to discredit Daniel. However, Daniel had such an impeccable character and flawless record of service that they could find no grounds for charges (verse 4). Knowing Daniel was a man of religious convictions, they knew that the only way they could bring charges against him would be on the grounds of religious principles (verse 5).

The scheme hatched in the devious minds of the officials and agreed to by

Darius was that for thirty days no one could ask anything of anyone, God or man, except of Darius (verse 7). What an extreme those men went to in their desire to trap Daniel! According to the edict no person could see the help of a physician, ask a favor of a friend, or pray to any deity. This shows how far evil men will go to achieve their selfish purposes.

II. The Steadfastness Of Daniel.
Daniel 6:10-11, 16

Daniel was steadfast in his conduct. He was a man of faith and the practice of prayer was one expression of that faith. Meeting the Lord in prayer was not a spasmodic activity with Daniel, or a practice reserved only for times of peril. Daniel met the Lord in prayer three times every day (verse 10). The writer of the narrative underscored the regularity of Daniel's prayer life with the phrase, "he ... prayed ... as he had done previously." The conduct of prayer was so much a part of Daniel's faith that the decree and its penalty did not deter Daniel from his appointment with God.

Daniel was steadfast because of his conviction. His action of ignoring the decree signed by Darius was not the display of a contentious spirit. Daniel was not the kind of man who flaunted authority for the sake of having his own way. He had convictions, however, and he lived by those convictions.

The unwillingness to compromise his convictions was demonstrated by Daniel at the beginning of his life in Babylon as last Sunday's lesson revealed. When it came to a choice of obeying God or man, Daniel was steadfast for the Lord. Men need to have strong religious convictions, and these are not to be compromised.

Daniel was steadfast in spite of the cost. He knew the penalty stipulated for disobedience of the decree (verse 7). When faced with the choice of disobeying God or facing the lions, Daniel made his decision to remain faithful.

III. The Safety for Daniel
Daniel 6:19-23

Darius spent a restless night because of Daniel. The jealous officials met to catch Daniel in prayer (verse 11). They knew how much Daniel's faith meant to him and that he would not compromise. Then those little men ran to tell Darius about Daniel's disobedience (verses 12-13). The king

realized how he had been used and sought some means to spare Daniel the penalty imposed, but the officials were insistent that the sentence be carried out (verses 14-15).

Daniel was protected by God in the lion's pit. The Lord closed the lions' mouths and Daniel spent a safe night in a setting of danger. What a contrast — Darius spent a restless night even though he was in the luxury of a palace, while Daniel spent a peaceful night even though he was among the lions. The presence of the Lord was the



A Woman's World Reaches Far
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The principle of spare tires hasn't quite come clear to me yet. I understand, I think that a spare tire is one kept in the trunk of the car.

I think I understand, too, that the spare is there to be used when one of the four on the road goes flat. A spare tire should be dependable in an emergency, reliable in time of trouble. Its purpose is to be a means of transportation when the good tire fails to be.

Therefore, it seems to me that the spare tire should be the finest tire that can be bought. Invariably, though, I hear people say, "This'll do for a spare," as they tuck into the trunk a tire whose mileage would have wrapped around the world — if the earth were flat and all land, that is, or if the car were amphibian. I guess that's the part of the spare tire principle I don't understand. So I asked a fellow whose opinion of such matters I value highly why folks do that. His answer was "trying to be economical, I'm sure. Then, too, a good spare can go bad if it isn't checked and cared for, too. The important thing is that you take good care of the spare, so that it will be ready when needed."

I guess life is full of spare tires, so to speak — people and things, principles and tenets that we figure are in the trunk, so to speak, ready for us to depend on when we need to. Maybe a good thing to do this new year would be to take better care of those spares.

It's a false economy to be sparing when it comes to spare times, so to speak; from where I sit, waiting for the spare which was flat to be filled with air.

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Life and Work Lesson Challenging Promises

By Bill Duncan, Long Beach, First
John 13:13-14:14

A retired minister lay near death. His young pastor prayed as he was on his way to call on him. "Dear Lord," he prayed, "What can I say to this old soldier of the cross who has spent his life ministering to the spiritual needs of others?" As he came in the old saint said, "Pastor, I can't remember one of God's promises." The young man said, "Don't worry, God hasn't forgotten any of them."

Each child of God has a great wealth of promises which God has given to him in the Word of God. But in order for these promises to rightly belong to the Christian, he must claim them, believe them and act upon them. Each promise must be taken to mean what it says. The believer must get his or her mind and heart in condition to believe the promises. If a part of the promise depends upon the action of the believer, then the believer must be willing to do it before the promise can be realized. If the promise says "pray," then pray. If the promise says "believe," then you must believe in order to expect God to act. God says, "I will if you will."

I have a little boy who accused me of not keeping my promises. He was right. I had, or may still have, a habit of saying, "I will see about it." I had promised to take him to the store in one of my preoccupied moments. Saturday came and was about gone when he reminded me of my promise. He could not understand that I did not have time. He did not have patience. To him a promise was a promise. I knew I had to stop making him promises that I had

not thought out. Very often I will say, "Parents do not always keep their promises, but God always keeps His promises." This is our source of security. Then you can say, "God said it — I believe it — that settles it."

The Promise Of Glory

"God will also glorify Him." The word glorify has very little meaning in popular language, being largely confined to scriptural usage. The glory of anything was not in its appearance but in the fulfillment of its purpose. To glorify is to bring to full completion whatever is possible in a given situation or task. Gutzke says it means "to get the job done."

Jesus was to be glorified after He had been crucified. This emphasizes the necessity of the crucifixion. The events were moving fast. Judas had already gone out to betray His Master. Jesus was going to face condemnation and then death. But this was not to be the end. He would be raised to life, ascend into heaven where He would be at the right hand of God, interceding for his people. He would send the Holy Spirit into the believers. All this would be the natural result, the full fruition of the accomplished work of Christ. In this way Jesus would be glorified. God is glorified in every life won to faith in Him.

The Promise Of Heaven

"I go to prepare a place for you ... I will come again and receive you unto myself."

Very often I am asked, "Where is heaven?" I do not have people to ask me very often, "Do you believe in heaven?" I cannot answer every question about heaven, but John 14:1-4 gives positive assurance to the believ-

ing heart. Who made the statement that there were many mansions in heaven? Surely if anyone who had ever lived on earth was in a position to know what heaven is like, where it is, and what to expect there, it would be the one who came down from heaven, the Son of God. Jesus realized that human beings are limited in their natural experience when He said, "If it were not so, I would have told you." Our confidence is in Him. The Christian feels that he can step out and tell the whole wide world that heaven is real. Whatever, wherever it is, God is there! And there is where the mansions are to be found.

Jesus not only talked about heaven. He promised us that He was the way to heaven. "No man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Jesus is the way, the truth, the life.

The Promise Of Prayer

"Whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do." Jesus tells in unmistakable terms that if believers ask anything in His name, that is in accordance with His will, He will do whatever is so asked. God will work in and through his people. Jesus promised that the disciples would do greater works than those they had already seen.

This was promised to the disciples to encourage them to pray for guidance and blessing that they might find themselves in the will of God and do the "greater works." We are doing greater works because we have His continuing presence and aid in our lives by the Holy Spirit. If we today pray in the name of Jesus, we are asking for something consistent with the character of Christ. This eliminates a good many of the petitions, does it not?